

Mrs. Amelia Todd Died This Morning at the Advanced Age of 97 Years.

AN OLD RESIDENT OF ILLINOIS

Deceased Has Lived in Decatur for the Past Twenty Years—She Has Been an Inmate of the Millikin Home for Six Years.

Mrs. Amelia Todd, one of the oldest residents of this county, died this morning at the Anna B. Millikin home, aged nearly 97 years. She was one of the oldest, if not the oldest resident of Macon county, and had lived in this state for many years. She has been an inmate of the Millikin home for the past six years and is known to everyone as Grandma Todd. She was a remarkably well preserved woman and has always been in good health for one of her advanced age. During the past few weeks her health failed and she gradually died of old age.

The deceased was born in Clero, Ohio, in 1861. She came to this state in the early forties and lived near St. Louis. She was the wife of Randolph Smith and had three daughters and one son, all of whom are now dead. She was later married to Judge Sidney Todd, who died about twenty years ago. She has survived both husbands and all her children and her only living relative known is a grandchild, Dr. F. W. Moore of this city, whom she has known for many years and he knew Mrs. Todd fifty years ago and he speaks highly of her. She was a person who was at one time in good circumstances but in the later years of her life she was without a home and about six years ago she was admitted to the Millikin home where she was well cared for up to the time of her death.

Mrs. Todd was in perfect mental health but she had many peculiarities which came with old age. She liked to be noticed by the visitors at the home and always felt hurt if they did not call upon her. One of her hobbies was to have birthday parties and these she held several times a year. While everything was done to make the old lady comfortable she realized that she outlived her time and her prayer very night was that she might die before the next morning.

The funeral will be held from the Millikin home tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. D. F. Howe will officiate. The remains will be buried at Greenwood in a temporary place. Later the Millikin home is to have a burying lot in the cemetery for the old ladies and the body will then be changed.

Hutchen to Move His Shoe Store.

About March 1 we will move to 139 North Water street (first door north of Races). That will give us February yet in our present quarters. We have invited. We did that to see what we have. We have \$500 worth of the best shoes ever brought to Decatur. We won't move all of them in fact, can't move many, for we have bought enough new goods to stock up our new place. But we will move them in the easiest way possible, and that is to let you put the price you want to pay on them and move them for us. So get a move on yourself and help us move by securing the best shoe bargains any store ever gave. Remember, it's a February sale and will give us a lively month. Walter Hutchen, 1-139 North Water street.

Sold Another Place.
George W. Ehrhart, the real estate and loan broker, sold for Mrs. Sarah R. Bliss, Saturday, her house and lot, No. 962 North Water street, to Mrs. Anna Hamsher for \$2400.

Died.
At the home of the parents, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Wheeler at 6 a. m., Feb. 1, aged five weeks. The services will be held at 10 a. m. tomorrow. Burial at the Dunkard cemetery.

Around the World.
The Canadian Pacific Special conducted excursion "around the world" left about May 1. Tickets, \$360. For particulars and particulars call at Washington office.—26 d1w

The grain elevator at Ogden was burned Tuesday with several thousand bushels of grain and a Big Four box car.

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DECATUR, ILLINOIS, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1897.

10 CENTS PER WEEK

IDAHO BANK CLOSED.

A. W. Linderstorm in a Fit of Anger Kills His Child and Commits Suicide.

BREAD RIOTS BREAK OUT IN SPAIN

Countess Cowley Divorced—Reign of Terror in Constantinople—Grace Clark Killed by a Lover Who Suicides.

Moscow, Idaho, Feb. 2.—The Moscow National bank was closed by order of the comptroller of the currency today. The report December 17 showed cash on hand of \$22,504. Loans and discounts, \$132,359; deposits, \$104,477.

Killed His Boy and Himself.
Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 2.—A. W. Linderstorm, a farmer, came home last night and in a fit of anger blew out the brains of his five-year old son and then killed himself.

Judge McKenna May Be Sack of Interior.
Washington, Feb. 2.—It is understood here that the position for which Judge McKenna, of California, was elected is attorney general but possibly it may be necessary to name him for secretary of the interior.

Bread Riots in Spain.
Madrid Feb. 2.—A serious strike and bread riots have occurred here. Many arrests have been made. The municipal authorities have resigned owing to their inability to suppress the disturbances and martial law has been proclaimed.

Reign of Terror in Constantinople.
Marselle, France, Feb. 2.—Tewfik Pasha, ex-Turkish minister of foreign affairs, arrived here today. He says a reign of terror prevails among the entourage of the sultan. Tewfik is fearful for the fate of his family whom he was compelled to leave in Constantinople under the protection of the foreign embassies.

Grain Area in France.
Paris, Feb. 2.—Official reports show an area of growing grain which compared with 1886 shows in two departments an increase of from one to five per cent. In nine departments the area is unchanged. In seventy-four departments one to over twenty per cent less.

Tug Van Raelle Reaches Port.
Chicago, Feb. 2.—The tug Van Raelle which was hemmed in by ice last night finally reached the dock this morning. The crew was completely exhausted from a long struggle with the ice.

Long on Love but Short on Brains.
Apollo, Pa., Feb. 2.—James Shelhammer, aged 19, son of a well-to-do farmer, shot and killed Grace Clark, aged 17, attractive and popular, then fatally shot himself. It is supposed jealousy was the cause as Shelhammer was a suitor for the girl's hand but lately she treated him coldly.

Countess Cowley Divorced.
London, Feb. 2.—The countess, Cowley, was granted a divorce from Earl Cowley on the grounds of desertion and adultery today.

A SPLENDID DONATION.

The Brewers of St. Louis Give \$20,000 for the Relief of the Poor.

St. Louis, Feb. 2.—Mr. R. M. Scruggs, president of St. Louis Brewers' association, said: "Dear Sir—In response to your call the brewers of the city of St. Louis herewith hand you for the suffering poor of our city the sum of \$20,000."

It is evident that the same cause, devotion in business, has served to increase legitimate demands for assistance, to decrease the amount of voluntary contributions. This general result, aggravated by very inclement weather, has served to present to every citizen the picture of real want and hunger.

About the situation in St. Louis is more than in some other large cities. It is a relatively small amount of money, nevertheless, so grave that as a nation, it is a common obligation of all citizens to make the above contribution. Appreciating your generous purpose and knowing your facilities for aiding the deserving and for discriminating between them and the undeserving, the brewers are glad to make the above contribution; and unhesitatingly call on all other individuals to promptly sustain in a similar manner our city's reputation for self-reliance and help.

Murderously Assaulted by a Burglar.
Springfield, Ill., Feb. 2.—Florence McGinnis, the 15-year-old daughter of Z. T. McGinnis, president of the Fitzgerald and Plaster company, was assaulted in her father's house last evening by a burglar. She has been unconscious and it is feared that she may not live. The attending physician says the girl was not outraged. Mr. McGinnis lives in a fashionable part of the city, on South Fourth street. His wife was up town shopping and he was at his office when his daughter came home from the high school. The servants were away and the girl was in the house alone. Shortly before 6 o'clock Mrs. McGinnis came home and found her daughter lying on the floor of the sitting room in an unconscious condition. Her mouth was bound with a towel, and there was a heavy load on her side. This case was one which had been about the house for some time and had been picked up by the girl's assailant. With this instrument he fell her, causing concussion of the brain. After the girl had been knocked down the intruder remained in the house only long enough to rob her of her personal jewelry, nothing else having been missed. At 8 o'clock the young woman spoke for the first time, but she was not conscious.

"Take my ring," she cried wildly, "but don't hit me; that case is loaded."

Since that time not a word has escaped her, and the physicians regard her case as a desperate one.

ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE.

Gov. Tanner Removes the West Park Board—Reveit Bill to Repeal Libel Law Again Postponed.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 2.—The senate proceedings today opened with a message from the governor removing the Chicago West Park board and announcing three successors. The removals were made because the governor was not satisfied with the way in which the board handled the West Park finances, several hundred thousand dollars of its funds being in the failed National Bank of Illinois. Among the bills introduced was one authorizing the administrator or conservator of a widow to renounce the provisions of any will authorizing county boards to offer a bounty not to exceed 10 cents on crops killed in the county. After advancing a number of bills the senate adjourned.

In the house Revell's bill to repeal the libel law, passed at the last session came up as a special order. On Revell's motion further action was postponed for one week. The speaker announced the committee on judicial department and practice. Bills were introduced: For the judicial reappointment of the state increasing the judicial districts from thirteen to seventeen; for establishment of a manual training department in the high schools of the state. The house then adjourned.

Captured in Moline, Ill.
Moline, Ill., Feb. 3.—An important arrest was made here late last night, a counterfeiter and his entire outfit being discovered by local police. The prisoner is William Rice, aged 47 years, who for two years has been employed on a dairy farm. This winter he has been out of work and has spent his time making dies for casting counterfeit silver dollars. Rice had been working on these for a few days and yesterday left his room unlocked. The family, whose suspicions had been aroused by a constant hammering and chink of metal in his room for some time, investigated, and found a complete outfit, including dies and a quantity of lead and block tin and several partly finished coins.

The police were notified and arrested Rice when he returned to his room. The prisoner admitted his occupation, but declares having passed any of the bogus dollars. The coins were fairly well executed, but were a little light in weight and different in ring. The secret service department was notified and a deputy United States marshal took the prisoner to Chicago last night.

Confession of a "Fence."
Fort Scott, Kan., Feb. 2.—Jack Freeman, for many years a well-to-do saloon keeper and politician of this city, but now a prisoner in the county jail, whose disclosures Saturday night caused the arrest of M. Berkson and J. Greenburg, clothing merchants of this city, yesterday made a startling confession, admitting that he has for nearly a year been acting as selling agent for two professional burglars. He disposed of large quantities of goods stolen by them from L. E. Collins at Bornson, Kan., from Lee Moore, of Joplin, Mo., who recently lost \$500 worth of goods at the hand of a burglar, and from Whiteside & Stroud, at Uplandtown, Kan. At the latter place the safe was blown open and a \$800 stock of goods destroyed by fire. Greenburg and Berkson are still in jail, charged with assisting Freeman in disposing of the property. Freeman yesterday decided all his real estate in this city and county and his Galena mining property to his wife and daughter. He will plead guilty.

Training School Burned.
Menominee, Mich., Feb. 2.—The St. Joseph manual training school and the Menominee high school, were burned this morning. The loss is \$125,000, partly insured.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

General Belief the Arbitration as Amended Will be Ratified.

ALGER'S APPOINTMENT POPULAR.

Queen Lil Cannot be Restored—Belief that Cleveland Regards His Hawaiian Policy a Mistake—They Praise Gage.

Washington, Feb. 1.—(From our regular correspondent.)—The senate committee on foreign relations having amended the arbitration treaty to meet the objections to it, by the insertion of a sentence excepting from arbitration, except by special agreement, all questions affecting the foreign or domestic policy of either of the contracting parties or the relations of either with any other nation, and by striking out that portion which gave King Oscar of Sweden, authority to name the umpire has reported the treaty to the senate with a recommendation that it be ratified, and there is now little doubt of its speedy ratification. Another treaty has just been signed with Great Britain and sent to the senate. It provides for a determination of a portion of the Alaska boundary line.

Had President elect McKinley tried ever so hard, he could not have pleased the old soldier element of the party more than he has done by the selection of General Russell A. Alger of Michigan, to be his secretary of war. General Alger is also popular with the party at large and the Michigan delegation in congress is especially well pleased with the honor bestowed upon him.

Although the senate voted down an appropriation to pay the expenses of the West Point cadets in coming to the inauguration, it is probable that they will come after all, unless Secretary Lamont shall decide otherwise. The public spirited managers of a Washington hotel have offered to board the cadets free during their stay in Washington, and any other expenses that may be necessary will be met by the inauguration committee. Public sentiment in Washington wants the cadets in the inaugural parade, and nothing will be left undone to get them.

Ex-Queen Lil of Hawaii, who is now in Washington, is very discreet in her utterances as to her object in visiting the United States at this time, but one of her hangers-on has let the cat out of the bag, by stating that she thought President Cleveland ought, before retiring from office, to replace her upon the throne. She has been badly advised if she thinks any such thing as that can be accomplished. Although Mr. Cleveland was at one time very anxious to restore the deposed queen to authority, there is reason to believe that he has long since realized the mistake he made in his policy towards Hawaii, and that he would not now carry it out if he could. And everybody, including the ex-queen ought to know that he could not if he wanted to.

Several anti-Republican senators made quite a bluff at opposing the bill authorizing President McKinley to appoint delegates to represent this country at any international monetary conference that may be called by any other country or that he in his judgment may deem advisable to call, but when it came up to the scratch only four votes were cast against the bill in the senate. No trouble is expected in getting the bill through the house. A notable feature of the short debate which preceded the passage of the bill by the senate was the speech made by Senator Hoar, who, when abroad last year made it a point to secure information on the growth of bimetalism in Europe. He expressed the positive opinion that international bimetalism was bound to come in time. As to the length of time, he said: "It not in three months, then in three years. It will be stronger twelve months hence than it is today, and it is stronger today than it was twelve months ago." Mr. Hoar quoted original letters in his possession to show why he believed that four great nations, the United States, England, France and Germany, were steadily advancing towards bimetalism.

While there are few Republicans in congress who would have named Mr. Lyman J. Gage, had they been asked to select President McKinley's secretary of the treasury, all of them agree in commending the choice now that it has been made by Major McKinley. Many Republican senators and representatives are personally acquainted with Mr. Gage, and those who have not that honor are familiar through others with his splendid business career in Chicago, where he has resided for more than forty years. From a busi-

ness standpoint, there is not a flaw in the record of Mr. Gage; from a political standpoint, there is one flaw, he voted for Cleveland when he was elected president the first time. The best proof that Mr. Gage regretted his action in that case is found in the fact that he did not vote for Cleveland the second and third time that he was a candidate and that he was especially active in the support of McKinley and Hobart and honest money, during the late campaign. His administration of the treasury department is likely to be very strong in business, and somewhat indifferent in partisan politics. Under existing circumstances, this may be the best possible sort of an administration of that important branch of the government, not only for the country but for the Republican party.

STATE HOUSE BURNED.

The Pennsylvania Building Consumed This Afternoon—Fire Department was Useless.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 2.—Fire started this afternoon in the senate wing of the state capitol. Half an hour later the building was evidently doomed as the fire department was unable to control the flames. The fire started, probably, from an electric light wire in the rooms of the lieutenant governor over the senate chamber. When discovered the fire had such a headway that little could be saved in the costly apartments or across the hall in the rooms of the superintendent of public instruction. Thousands of dollars worth of records were lost. Only the appropriation books were saved. The flames had eaten through the senate roof before the fire department arrived. Part of the roof tumbled in before the fire department started and when it started it did no noticeable good. Soon the great dome was a mass of flames burning like shavings and in a short time it fell. The fire quickly spread to the house side, eating its way along the roof. The house was in session when the fire was discovered, and quickly adjourned. Members tried to save their belongings but the smoke drove them from the building.

At 3 p. m. the entire interior of the state house was in flames. The water power was very weak. The fire department is confining its efforts to prevent the flames spreading beyond the legislative halls. The building stands between those used by the adjutant general and the secretary of internal affairs. Two or three members of the house were slightly injured by a falling portion of the roof. At 2:30 it was apparent the fire would be confined to the capitol building. The entire interior was then in flames. Both roofs had fallen, and the walls were cracking and crumbling. The loss will be \$1,000,000 exclusive of the valuable records which never can be replaced. The insurance is \$400,000.

Australian Murderer Arrested.
San Francisco, Feb. 2.—The bark Swan Hilda, having on board the Australian murderer, Butler, arrived this morning from Newcastle. The police boarded the vessel and took him in custody.

A Later Account.
San Francisco, Feb. 2.—George Edward Butler alias Ashe, the murderer whose arrival on the ship Swanhilda, so long expected, is now in the San Francisco jail. The Swanhilda was sighted early this morning and the local detective accompanied by detectives from Australia went down the bay and boarded the vessel and took Butler prisoner. He acted very cool and professed not to know the Australian detectives and denied he was Butler. He had shipped on the Swanhilda under the name of Lee Walter, one of his victims. The extradition papers have already been served and the detectives expect to sail with him for Australia on Thursday. Butler is credited with having murdered fourteen men. His plan was to entice men whom he knew to have money, into the interior under the pretense of examining a mining claim, and then murder them. Butler declines to make any statement as to his identity further than to say his name is Elgin. Butler appears undisturbed by his situation and effects to be rather amused than otherwise at it. In his trunk detectives found many articles belonging to Captain Weller who is alleged to be Butler's last victim.

Sold His Employer's Cattle.
Lacon, Ill., Feb. 2.—John Smith, a hired man, working for a farmer near Alta, was driving some cattle from Henry to Chillicothe yesterday. At Robert Turnbull's, in La Prairie township, he turned the cattle into a lot and entered into negotiations for the sale of them. Turnbull gave him a check for \$450. Smith had the check cashed at Lawn Ridge, went to Chillicothe and left there for Chicago.

Attention, G. A. R.
Regular meeting of Dunham Post at 7:30 o'clock tonight. General George W. Marden of Lowell, Mass., who was one of the members of the General Slocum Patriotic Heroes' Battalion, will be present. A good attendance is expected. W. F. Calhoun, commander. R. P. Lytle, adjutant.

VENEZUELA TREATY.

The Convention Signed This Afternoon Which Names Four of the Arbiters.

THE CAUSES OF THE DELAY

The Court Will Consist of Justices Fuller and Brewer, United States, and Herschell and Knight, of Great Britain.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The treaty on arbitration between Great Britain and Venezuela will be signed at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The delay in completing the convention was caused by the difficulty in making up the personnel of the arbitral commission, not a much from objection to the persons nominated by either side as the trouble of arranging the tribunal so as to interfere as little as possible with the important routine work of the supreme courts of the United States and Great Britain from which four of the arbitrators are drawn. Notice, however, has been received from London, this morning that the privy council formally confirmed the selections made of four arbitrators. It is understood they will be Chief Justice Fuller and Justice Brewer of the United States supreme court, and Lord Herschell and Sir Richard Penn. Collins Knight, justices of her majesty's supreme court of judicature. The final arbitrator is King Oscar of Sweden and Norway. By the terms of the treaty Great Britain and Venezuela must deliver a copy of their cases at Paris where the tribunal will meet within eight months of the ratification of the treaty with three months additional for the submission of counter cases, so the entire arbitration will probably occupy a year and a half.

CORBETT'S TRAINER TALKS.

Charlie White Compares the Men Soon to Battle for the Flitic Honors.

New York, Feb. 2.—Charlie White, who has trained more fighters and seen more fights than any man in the business, will shape Corbett up for the fight of his life, that with Bob Fitzsimmons in Nevada. White trained Fitzsimmons for the Hot Springs fight that never came off, and has studied Corbett with the eye of an expert, so he is the best qualified to pass on the outcome of the prospective battle. He thinks Corbett will win and gives his reasons therefor. When asked the reason for his confidence, he said:

"Corbett is the greatest fighter who ever went into a ring. His greatness as a ring general is not appreciated, and Americans are prone to overlook his ability because he whipped Sullivan. The big fellow was an idol, and his defeat was mourned. Corbett is now as well as he ever was in his life. In fact, he has more animal strength than when he met Sullivan, Mitchell and Jackson. Corbett has the courage of a lion. This was proved when he undertook to fight Jackson, against the advice of all his friends. Jackson was deemed invincible at that time, and at that Corbett fought him in a club controlled by Jackson's friends. He again showed his courage in tackling John L. Sullivan when everything pointed to sure defeat.

"Corbett's style is peculiarly his own. It is an improved Jack Dempsey type, particularly in regard to left hand fighting. Corbett has a phenomenal left. Corbett hits a hard blow. Mitchell was knocked out in one blow. Sullivan was practically knocked out by Corbett's left hand. He peppers away with his left until his adversary is weakened and then he makes a grand on-slaught with his right. His equal as a boxer was never in the ring, and even if Corbett had lived in the time of Jim Macs and Joe Cornburn he would have excelled them then as far as he does today.

"In eye, brain and footwork Corbett excels. One of Corbett's pet ideas in training is hand ball. He is an expert player, and would almost hold his own with Casey and other experts at the game. He is a good ball player, and this gives him much outdoor exercise. At wrestling he never tires, and can wear many of the good ones out at that end of the game. "All this that I have said about Corbett," continued White, "does not mean that he is an outclassing Fitzsimmons. Fitzsimmons' wonderful ring experience shows that he will be an extremely hard man to beat. He is extraordinary, and a phenomenon, in his line. As a ring general he is not quite Corbett's equal, nor in intelligence, but, nevertheless, he is of that kind which makes a winning fighter." The reporter asked: "Is Fitzsimmons as quick as Corbett?" "No; but he is quick to see and take

advantages. He is also a quick thinker, but not as deep as Corbett. He has demonstrated that he is the most dangerous man who ever entered the ring. He uses peculiar methods of his own. He uses tricks, such as making men believe that he is almost out or can not reach them. This was shown in his fight with Choyenshi in Boston, with Hall in New Orleans, and Maher in Mexico. Fitzsimmons is always in condition. His early life as a blacksmith has given him a rugged constitution, that only years of dissipation can wear and break down. He will last a long while, and is built to stand great hardship. He fights on the Peter Jackson order. His peculiar methods and knowledge of the different knock-out blows make his style perfect and very ingenious. He has a queer way of holding his head in position to invite attacks. This misleads his opponent, often with disastrous results to the latter.

"Regarding his height, for a man of his weight, it is above the average. He makes the most of it, too. His reach is the most extraordinary ever known. It is 75 inches from finger tip to finger tip. This is an advantage over Corbett of 1 1/2 inches. Such a reach is such a dangerous opponent should make a man think before leading at him. He has a trick of leading short just to get his opponent to lead at him. His head work is not so good, yet he is cool, has perfect command of himself, and knows so well what happens during a fight that he can illustrate the blows he used after it is all over. In financial arrangement his head work is not so good. That is, he has got the worst of it many times in money matters. While not as quick as Corbett, he is fast on his feet, and his wonderful shoulder and chest muscles give him tremendous blinding power.

DIED IN TEXAS.

Mrs. Charles T. Warfield, Who Went South For Her Health.

Mrs. Eva Warfield, aged 38 years, wife of Charles T. Warfield, and sister of W. J. and Spencer Huff of Decatur, and B. F. Huff of Cerro Gordo, died Monday near San Antonio, Texas. Deceased leaves a husband and four children. The family went to Texas in November for the benefit of Mrs. W.'s health. She was afflicted with a complication of diseases. The body is expected to arrive in Decatur from Texas on Thursday.

Business Changes.
In a card F. M. Young announces that he is now in charge of the wholesale grocery business of the old firm of the Young Bros & Maris Co. and that he has purchased the interest of J. M. Maris. Mr. Young states that new capital will be added.

J. Sherman McClelland and George A. Stadler have rented the Loeb building on East North street, and will engage in the wholesale grocery and fruit business. Both gentlemen have had considerable experience in the business and have a wide acquaintance with the trade.

Saw His Shadow.
Today was the time when the ground hog comes out to see his shadow. If he sees it he goes back and stays six weeks until the bad weather is over, but if he does not see it the weather will be pleasant. It is a question whether he saw his shadow or not. If he got up early in the morning he didn't see it, but if he didn't come out of his hole until 8:30 a. m. he did see his shadow.

Knox P. Taylor, formerly of Bloomington will hold an institute for the study of the bible in Clinton, beginning Feb. 2.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 2, 1897.
The REPUBLICAN is indebted to B. Z. Taylor, dealer in grain, provisions and stock, with correspondence in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis for the following market quotations.

	Open- ing.	High- est.	Low- est.	Clos- ing.
Wheat—				
February.....	74 1/2	75 1/2	74 3/4	75 1/4
May.....	71 1/2	72 1/2	71 1/4	72 1/4
July.....				
February.....	24 1/2	25 1/2	24 3/4	25 1/4
May.....	21 1/2	22 1/2	21 1/4	22 1/4
July.....				
February.....	18 1/2	19 1/2	18 3/4	19 1/4
May.....	15 1/2	16 1/2	15 3/4	16 1/4
July.....				
February.....	7 1/2	7 3/4	7 1/4	7 1/2
May.....	3 1/2	3 3/4	3 1/4	3 1/2
July.....				
February.....	3 1/2	3 3/4	3 1/4	3 1/2
May.....	3 1/2	3 3/4	3 1/4	3 1/2
July.....				

May wheat: put, 74 1/2; call, 75 1/2; car, 75 1/2.
TO-DAY'S RECEIPTS—CAR LOADS
Wheat—43. Estimated, 47. Year ago, 137.
Corn—60. Estimated, 70. Year ago 370.
Oats—21. Estimated, 47. Year ago 234.
ESTIMATES FOR 1900—CROPS
Wheat, 38, Corn, 300; oats, 240.
Rog receipts 28,000; estimated, 28,000. Mar-
ket steady.
Light, \$3.30; mixed, \$3.30; heavy, \$3.30; 47; rough, \$3.20; 47.
Estimated for to-morrow, 36,000.
Cattle receipts, 3,500; market steady.
FEEDING QUOTATIONS.
FEBRUARY, Feb. 2—Corn, cash, new, No. 2, white, 10c; cash, steady, No. 2, white, 10c; 10c; No. 2, white, 10c.



Hopelessly lost to happiness is the woman who neglects the health of the most important and delicate organs of her body. If she is weak and sick and nervous, she cannot be cheerful and amiable, she cannot make her home pleasant for herself, or for her husband, or for her children. Health is the thing most worth having in all the world. It is the thing that makes all other good things good, and yet four out of five women are sick and weak and make no real effort to get well. Everyone of them can be well, if she wants to. Women go on for years suffering in silence, and then some day they find out about Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription—and they take it and get well. It is a positive cure for all weakness and disease of the female organs. Thousands of women have testified to this fact. Among them Mrs. Maud Pearce, of Stoughtonville, Fairfield Co., Ohio, who writes:



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WILL SUCCEED PEPPER.

Kansas Populists to Have a New Representative in the Senate.

William A. Harris, who is to succeed Senator Pepper as one of the representatives of Kansas in the United States senate, is one of the most ardent members of the populist party. He was a congressman at large from Kansas in the Fifty-second congress. He has promised to do all in his power to convert the United States senate to such political convictions as were responsible for the tidal wave of populism which swept the state of sunflowers and grasshoppers on November 3 last. He is a Kansan with a dash of the south and a dab of the far west in his make-up. Just 54 years old, he is of a good sena-



HON. WILLIAM A. HARRIS.

torial age. He is a native of Virginia who got his schooling and college knowledge in the Columbia college of Washington. He fought for the "lost cause," and before leaving the confederate army was made a colonel. He was employed as a civil engineer in the construction of the Kansas & Pacific railroad, and this work brought him to Kansas in 1863. He lived at Lawrence until 1864, and then took up farming in Leavenworth county. His early political faith was that of the democracy, but when populism became a political doctrine he went kiting into it and has been in it ever since. In 1892 he successfully ran for congress as representative at large against ex-Gov. Anthony. He is now state senator from Leavenworth county.

The Harris home is at Linwood farm, in Leavenworth county, 27 miles west of Kansas City, on the line of the Union Pacific railway, and is one of the most beautiful and desirable locations in the state. The farm proper comprises 500 acres of land, much of it in blue grass, which the colonel prizes highly and in which he has great faith in connection with the breeding of fine cattle.

"If I have done nothing else for Kansas," he once boasted, "I may be called a benefactor in that I have sown more blue grass than any other man in the state and perhaps with greater success. In fact, I am so enthusiastic on the subject that I am in favor of the erection of a handsome monument to ex-Senator Ingalls, at the proper time, for that fine classic about 'Blue Grass' published in the old Kansas Magazine. I always keep a copy of it handy and read it with great pride many times a year."

JOSEPH M'KENNA.

The San Francisco Judge May Be Made Secretary of the Interior.

Judge Joseph McKenna, of the United States court of California, who may be secretary of the interior in the McKinley cabinet, is well known on the coast and popular for his fair decisions and his sturdy republicanism. During his long career in congress Judge McKenna served his constituents well, and when, in 1892, while he was still representing the old Third district of California, consisting of six northern counties, President Harrison made him a federal judge, the appointment was well received by the people. Judge McKenna is not a California product. He came hither from his native Philadelphia in 1853 as a



JUDGE JOSEPH M'KENNA.

mere child, and was educated in the common schools of San Francisco. His collegiate course was taken in St. Augustine college, Denica, Cal., and only one year after reaching his majority he was admitted to the bar of the state. In that year he was elected district attorney of Solano county. At the end of his four years' term he was sent to the legislature from the same county. That was in 1875, and the young lawyer made a name for himself as an orator by delivering a powerful speech on the bill creating the board of railroad commissioners. In 1876 Mr. McKenna entered the wider field of national politics, and was a candidate for congress, but was defeated by J. K. Fretwell. After a second unsuccessful candidacy he was elected to congress by a handsome vote, and was three times reelected. The judge is a statesman of excellent ability, a keen lawyer and a profound jurist.

Interested in the Traffic.

There are said to be ten Scottish dukes, five marquises, 20 earls, and five lords—40 in all—who have a direct financial interest in the continuation of the drink traffic. In England and Wales the names of no fewer than 172 members of the upper house appear as owners of one or more licensed places.

THEY LIKE THEIR SMOKE

Royal Ladies Who Are Slaves to the Cigarette Habit.

Empress of Austria Smokes Forty Cigarettes Every Day and the Queen Regent of Spain is Quite as Bad a Fiend.

Within the past few months the large Paris shops have displayed an endless variety of smokers' trinkets—not for men smokers, but for women smokers. This shows better than anything else the growing love of women for the divine weed. Moreover, this love is sanctioned by European royalty in such an emphatic manner that it is small wonder that less eminent people should contract the fond, fashion or habit, which ever it may be.

The queens who smoke are astonishingly numerous when the list is examined, and when the queen smokes her court ladies also smoke, and the habit ramifies through each succeeding class of society. The empress of Austria is about the most persistent smoker of them all, between 35 and 40 cigarettes a day being necessary to appease her hunger for Mistress Nicotine. This would almost entitle her to a leading position among the ranks of cigarette fiends, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Austrian empress uses an amber tube as a cigarette holder to prevent the discoloration of her fingers. She smokes a much stronger cigarette than the ordinary, the tobacco being a Turkish mixture heavily flavored with perique. She smokes almost incessantly, but never while a court function is in progress.

Queen Amelie of Portugal, one of the most popular queens that ever occupied the throne of that kingdom, is an inveterate smoker. She came by the habit legitimately, as her mother, the comtesse of Paris, is also addicted to the cigarette, and from her earliest childhood Portugal's queen was accustomed to the sight of women smoking.

It has been claimed that this habit robs women of the prettiest charms of femininity, but Queen Amelie is a living contradiction of this assertion. The poor of Portugal worship her, and call



THE QUEEN REGENT OF SPAIN.

her the "Lady Bountiful" of the nineteenth century.

Maria Christina, the much-troubled queen regent of Spain, smokes almost as much as the empress of Austria. Like the others, cigarettes are her favorites although it is whispered that some of the court ladies attached to her smoke small cigars. As in Portugal, smoking among Spanish women is a custom sanctioned by centuries, and if the queen of Spain did not smoke it would perhaps create wonder among her subjects.

The dowager empress of Russia seeks solace for her troubles in tobacco, but the young zarina throws openly upon the habit. When she was the first lady in the great empire the dowager empress encouraged smoking among the court ladies, by her own indulgence in the habit, but when the young zarina assumed the leadership she issued an edict prohibiting smoking by the ladies attached to the household.

This created a tremendous furor, not only in court, but in external society, which is governed in all things by the doings of the royal circle. Many Russian women of the nobility had contracted the smoking habit during the regime of the dowager empress, and proclaimed loudly against the edict which made a continuance of the custom an offense.

While the dowager empress and the immediate ladies of her circle still smoke they are careful never to indulge in the habit in the presence of the zarina, as a matter of courtesy to the wife of the emperor. They confine their smoking to their private apartments, as to all of the St. Petersburg society women, among whom the use of the cigarette is generally prevalent.

The queen of Rumania and Queen Margherita of Italy both smoke, as does also the handsome wife of the young prince of Naples, who is destined to occupy the Italian throne. The young princess, when she was Helen of Montenegro, was raised and educated under the personal care of the dowager empress of Russia, and the girl naturally contracted all the customs of her royal guardian.

The women of the house of Bourbon might be called hereditary smokers, as it is a matter of history that the duchess of Bourbon and the duchess of Chartres, in the time of Louis XIV., smoked the strongest of tobacco in big meerschaum pipes.

None of the queenly smokers of the present day admires tobacco to the extent that Queen Ranavalona of Madagascar does. This unique lady smokes cigars which cost the equivalent of \$1.50 each, and when she isn't smoking she chews tobacco in plugs being her favorite for this diversion. When holding court she either smokes or chews, and it is the sole duty of one of her attendants to follow her about wherever she goes with a cuspidor of gold.

PERSONAL MENTION.

The Philadelphia Academy of Fine Arts has just awarded the Walter Lippincott prize of \$300 to Albert Herter for his picture of "Le Soir."

Maj. C. A. Woodruff, U. S. A., now at Governor's island, and Dr. Rossiter W. Raymond, formerly of Gen. Fremont's staff, have been chosen respectively orator and poet of the twenty-eighth annual reunion of the society of the Army of the Potomac which will be held in Troy in the latter part of August.

While Vienna is preparing for the celebration of the Schubert centenary, a grandiose of the great composer has made her first appearance in that city as an actress. She is Anna Siegmund, 16 years old. She played one of the parts in the performance given by the School of Acting of the conservatorium, in which she is a pupil. On her mother's side she is a granddaughter of Andreas Schubert, a brother of the composer.

Wilhelm von Sonnenlechner, who died recently in Vienna, was a member of a noted family of that city which has produced several prominent jurists and musicians, and to which the poet Grillparzer's master belonged. His father, a cousin of Grillparzer, stood in intimate relations to the latter all his life and contributed valuable material to the poet's biography. In his youth he was also an intimate friend of Schubert, who visited his house frequently.

The Washington Star says that Rev. Dr. J. M. King may be appointed pastor of the Foundry Methodist church in Washington at the conference which will meet on March 3. It is thought that Maj. McKinley may attend the Foundry church during his term of office. He has sent cordial but noncommittal replies to each of the Washington churches that have invited him to accept a pew.

WHIMS OF FASHION.

The summer stock is in great favor and is worn with every sort of shirt waist, from silk to flannel. It is surmounted by a high, straight collar or a high turned-over one—in all cases it is absolutely imperative that it should be high.

Dress sleeves continue to grow smaller and smaller, so small, indeed, that the services of one's escort are no longer required to crowd them into one's jacket. The inviolate law for jacket sleeves is small below the elbow and large above.

Broad, large bows of moire ribbon are seen on the streets of Paris, where women have grown tired of the neat, narrow summer four-in-hand. Black is the most fashionable color and may be worn with any sort of gown, being always supposed to add chic and distinction to any sort of material or style.

The plain satin skirt is out for the moment a back number left over from last year's fashions. Brocaded silk and moire antique skirts are all the rage for old and young. Their highest bid for popularity is said to lay in their stiffness—they need but little lining, scarcely any hair cloth, the bane of all dress-makers. They possess the admirable quality of being able to stand alone.—Chicago Record.

THE WHEEL.

Newcastle (Pa.) mills are shipping bicycle tubing to England.

The century run is a distinctly American cycling institution.

Philadelphia, Columbus and Nashville are the leading claimants for the national meet of the L. A. W. in this year. Philadelphia is the favorite among wheelmen, and will doubtless be chosen.

One of the leading bicycle firms now furnishes gear cases for their wheels, if so desired. All English wheels are thus protected, and it looks as if our riders are inclining to the belief that it is a good thing.

Manufacturers who are trying to introduce the bevel gear, or chainless bicycle, are injuring their own interests by putting a high price on the machine. Anyone of intelligence can see that a bevel gear is very little more costly than the chain attachment, but the makers ask \$25 extra.

The McFaul hotel in Clinton has been sold by H. D. Greider to S. H. Stewart. Mr. Greider has not yet decided where he will locate.

Danville has a new city hall.

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10 lbs. Bulk Starch, .25

5 gal. W. White Oil, .50

5 gal. good Oil, .45

Good Can Corn, .05

3 lb. can Pie Peaches, 10c; 3 cans, .25

3 lb. can Table Peaches, per can, .15

3 lb. can California Table Peach, .20

3 lb. can Pumpkin or Squash, 10c; .25

Potatoes per bu., .30

4 two-pound packages Rolled Oats, .25

10 lbs. Bulk Rolled Oats, .25

Penny Pickles, per doz., .10

Mediums, per doz., .05

Small, per doz., .05

Tip Top brand Tomatoes, 2 cans, .15

These prices are for Cash Only.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

In the County Court of Mason county, State of Illinois.—In the matter of the estate of Edwin S. Spencer.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed assignee of Edwin S. Spencer, confederator, of Decatur, Ill., and all persons having any claims against said Edwin S. Spencer are hereby notified to present the same to me under oath or affirmation within three months from this date, whether said claims are due or not. All persons indebted to said assignor are requested to make prompt payment of the same.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1897. Jan 31-97 W. C. DEMOCK, Assignee.

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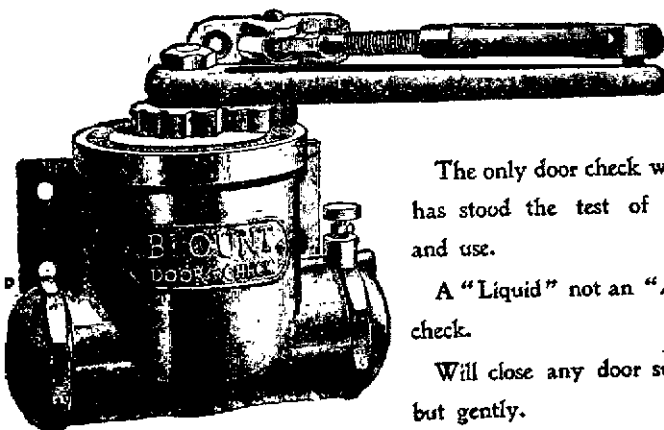
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LOCAL NEWS.

Irwin's fragrant toilet cream keeps the
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James O'Neill as "Monte Christo" at the
Grand next Saturday night.

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by John Weigand. Mch 25-dtf.

The Grand Opera House cigars made
by Johnny Weigand are the best in town.
mch 25-dtf

Irwin's satisfaction tooth powder whitens
and preserves the teeth.

Tender roast beef with brown gravy
served at noon daily at Singleton's restaurant.
—Oct 21-dtf

Ladies' felt slippers, 50c at Folzath &
Hardy's.—25-d&wtf

On or before June 1 the public library
will be on the fifth floor of Powers' new
block.

Little Diana cigar; business men's
ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for \$1.50.
L. Chodat's News House.—14-dtf

The Gavin Bros.' saloon at Clinton was
closed yesterday on account of poor busi-
ness.

The modern office buildings with the
splendid elevator service are pretty power-
ful lodestones.

Ladies' felt slippers 50c at Folzath &
Hardy's.—25-d&wtf

Irwin's Rock Balsam gives immediate
relief for coughs and colds.

A good start has been made toward the
occupation of the fourth floor of the Pow-
ers office building.

Miss Marie Leonard left this morning
for Sadorus and Champaign to give in-
structions in dancing.

Hon. H. N. Schuyler, the banker at
Pana, has admitted his son, George
Schuyler, as a member of the firm.

Judge Vail will name twenty-one dele-
gates from Macon county to attend the
judicial convention to be held in Decatur
on Wednesday, Feb. 21.

A new K. P. castle hall has been built
at Tuscola. There is some talk of invit-
ing the Coeur de Leon lodge team this
city to go over and dedicate the hall.

The D. F. Riddell establishment on
East Eldorado street is exclusively a
wholesale grocery and fruit house—not
a commission concern.

President W. H. Bean of the Macon
county farmers' institute, came in from
Blue Mound yesterday. The institute
will begin next Tuesday and last three
days.

A series of revival meetings began at
Blue Mound chapel on Sabbath night.
The pastor, Rev. A. M. Danely, is assisted
by Rev. W. E. Knight of Elvin. The
services will be held every evening at 7
o'clock.

People know a good thing; it is worth
while to go to the new photograph
gallery in the Millikin building where
they make photographs at 50c a dozen and
see the crowd.—2-tf

The new lessees of the Walston San-
itarium on East North opened up for busi-
ness yesterday. They are J. B. Gulick
and G. W. Hunch. A. Moore is to be the
manager and the name of the hotel will
be the Revere house.

Preparations for the great banquet
hall and reception to be given by the
Princes of the Orient the night of March
3 are in rapid progress. The killing to-
morrow night will be by way of prepara-
tion for the brilliant event.

Sunday afternoon the First M. E.
church at Champaign, of which Rev. H.
H. O'Neal is pastor, had a close call from
destruction by fire. One of the hot air
pipes was out of order. The damage was
not great.

No better soft coal in this market than
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est of any coal within 100 miles of Deca-
tur and the harder the coal the longer it
will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in
stock at market price. Up town office,
Irwin's drug store, office and yard 300
North Broadway, old phone 433, new
phone 435. M. P. Metz.—31-dtf

The Republican is in receipt of a com-
munication headed "Democratic Prosper-
ity" from an alleged "Taxpayer." He
attacks the method of distributing county
aid to the poor, but fails to give his name
and address to the printer. Names must
accompany all communications, not neces-
sarily for publication but as an evidence
of good faith.

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THE COUNTY INSTITUTE.

Completion of the Programme for the
Second Annual Meeting at the
Court House.

The officers and members of the execu-
tive committee of the Macon county farm-
ers' institute held a meeting at the court
house Monday afternoon and completed
the program for the institute and the ex-
hibit to be held at the court house Feb. 9,
10 and 11.

Programme.

Tuesday, February 9—
Prayer—Rev. W. H. Penhallegon.
Song—By school children.
Reading minutes of previous meeting.
Address—By President W. H. Bean.
Song.

General Discussion—"What are the
most profitable crops in diversified farm-
ing?" led by W. T. Moffett.

Wednesday, February 10—
Prayer—Rev. D. F. Howe.
Singing.
Address—"Farm Management," by
President W. H. Bean to be followed by a
general discussion.

"Fences"—R. M. Bell.
Address—"How to make money raising
poultry," by Mrs. W. A. Judy.
Song.

The afternoon exercises will open at
1:30 p. m., with song, followed by a pa-
per on "Insects Destructive to Agriculture"
—F. J. Jack.

"Profitable Horse Breeding"—Dr. J.
F. Reid.
"Township High Schools"—President
John W. Cook of Normal.

Song.
At the evening session there will be
singing by the high school glee club.
Reading by Mrs. Clarence J. McCon-
nell.

Music by high school orchestra.
Recitation—Miss Maud Mayall.
Thursday, February 11—
Prayer.

Song.
"The Farmer and His Tools"—T.
C. Grady.

"Birds"—E. A. Gostman.
General discussion on fruit culture
opened by Henry Tinscher of this city.

At the afternoon session beginning at 1:30
there will be singing and an address by
Mrs. L. H. Thomas on "Home Life on
the Farm."

Election.
The election of officers will follow the
formal exercises.

Special Exhibits.
One of the features of the institute will
be the display of fruit, grains, etc. The
list of regular prizes offered was pub-
lished some time ago but a number of spe-
cial prizes were reported to the committee
yesterday. Henry Tinscher offers a number
as follows: One hundred apple trees for
the best display of five different kinds of
apples; fifty trees for next best.

Twelve pear trees for the best display of
canned pears; six pear trees for second.

Twelve cherry trees for the best display
of canned cherries; six trees for second
best.

Twelve gooseberry bushes for the best
display of canned gooseberries; six bushes
for the second.

Twelve currant bushes for the best dis-
play of canned currants; six bushes for
the second.

One hundred strawberry plants for the
best display of canned strawberries; fifty
plants for second.

Twelve Smoek peach trees for the best
display of canned peaches. Six Smoek
peaches for the second best.

One hundred Stone's hardy blackber-
ries for the best display of one can black-
berries to second best.

One hundred Cutbert red raspberries
for best can of raspberries; fifty to second.

J. M. Hughes will give two patent hog
troughs as special prizes for certain arti-
cles to be shown and J. G. Cloyd offers
the following: 100 pounds of Pillsbury
flour for the best six loaves of bread bak-
ed with that flour; fifty pounds for the
next best six loaves.

List of Patents.

Granted to Illinois inventors this week.
Reported by C. A. Snow & Co., solicitors
of American and foreign patents, opposite
United States patent office, Washington,
D. C.:

W. S. Eyster, Ottawa, corn planter; F.
H. Haley, Batavia, combination stand; J.
N. Murphy, Springfield, valve; O. G. Nos-
ker, Aurora, bag holder; J. C. Perry, Jo-
liet, wire fence; L. N. Reed, Fulton, op-
erating mechanism for elevator shaft
doors and safety devices; G. W. T. Selfert,
Duquoin, purifier, grader and dust col-
lector for flour mills; H. B. Shutt, Shaw-
neetown, dust screen for windows; C.
Smith, Quincy, mold for casting metal
hubs; W. Stoffel, Elgin, Springfield bot-
toms; D. C. Stover, Freeport, making
sheet metal tubing; W. L. Throckmorton,
Randolph, gate.

"Human Hearts" at the Grand.
One of the popular dramatic successes
of the season is Hon. H. C. Miner's excel-
lent production of "Human Hearts" beau-
tiful play "Human Hearts" that is to be pre-
sented at the opera house Wednesday,
Feb. 3. In addition to the unquestioned
success of "Human Hearts" the cast is a
superb one, carefully selected for fitness to
the various roles assigned. The scenery
is the work of artists, whose studios are
in Miner's Fifth avenue theatre, New
York, and with a special scene for every
act, which is carried by the company. No
play before the public is better equipped
than this beautiful play of life.

The street car lines of Peoria use from
six to ten car loads of salt to sprinkle on
their tracks to melt snow and ice every
winter.

CURFEW ORDINANCE.

It Was Passed by the City Council
at the Meeting Last Evening.

Will Not Be Allowed on the Streets
After 9 P. M. in Summer and 8:30
P. M. in Winter—License Dis-
trict Not Extended.

CHILDREN UNDER FIFTEEN YEARS

The curfew law which has created so
much talk was at last passed by the city
council at the meeting last evening. The
ordinance had been referred to a commit-
tee the members of which recommended
its passage. After the clerk had read the
ordinance a motion was made to place it
upon its passage and it was carried by a
vote of 10 to 2, Gogerty and Thayer vot-
ing against it. The ordinance specifies
that children under 15 years of age shall
not go on the streets, alleys or public
places after 9 o'clock from March 1 to
August 31 inclusive, and after 8:30 o'clock
from September 1 to the last day of Feb-
ruary, unless they are accompanied by a
parent or guardian, or performing some
necessary errand. The fine shall be not
less than \$1 and not more than \$10 for
each offense. Parents must not permit
their children to go on the streets after
the hours named and will be fined from
\$3 to \$10 for a violation of this law. Chil-
dren are not to be placed in confinement
when arrested until their parents have
been notified and refused to be held re-
sponsible for their children's actions.

The committee to which was referred
the ordinance to extend the saloon license
limit out north Water street, recom-
mended that the ordinance be not passed and
the report was adopted.

Judge's Report.
The committee on the Oakland ave-
nue sewer composed of Aldermen Mont-
gomery, DeWitt and Carter, submitted
Engineer Judd's report on the work of
building the sewer. Mr. Simpson wanted
the report referred to the public commit-
tee but Mr. Montgomery wanted it laid
over until the next meeting. There was
some little discussion on this point but
Mr. Montgomery got out his copy of the
city code and had the clerk read a section
where it stated that on request of two al-
dermen any report of a committee of the
city council shall be laid over until the
next meeting. Mr. Simpson fought
against it but after the law had been read
the mayor said that the request would be
granted and there the matter was dropped.

About the Water Pipes.
The committee to which was referred
the ordinance for the laying of water ser-
vice pipes on North Main street recom-
mended that the ordinance be passed.
Alderman Carter moved that the ordi-
nance be adopted and DeWitt made an
amendment that it be referred to the wa-
ter and light committee for further in-
vestigation as to the proper depth of the
water mains. This was lost and the origi-
nal motion was carried, 10 to 2. Later
the clerk read the ordinance and a mo-
tion was made by Hankins to place it up-
on its passage. In regard to the kind of
pipe to be used Mr. Hankins said he had
investigated the matter and found that
galvanized iron pipe would be much
cheaper than lead pipe and would be al-
most as good. Mr. Montgomery gave
figures which he had secured from a
plumber. He thought that the water
mains should be investigated and if the
pipe is not low enough it should be low-
ered at once. Mr. Hankins said there
was no reason why the passage of the or-
dinance should be postponed. It should
be carried at once and the pipes investi-
gated afterward. The vote to pass the
ordinance was unanimous.

Petitions.
Thomas Cecil of the firm of Dillow &
Cecil, asked that \$4.25 be refunded to
him as half of the \$10 plumbers' license
taken out by the firm. He expects not to
continue. The petition was granted.

Dr. R. L. Wadston to put up a hotel
sign at 120 East North street. Referred
to sidewalk and crossing committee with
power to act.

Reports.
The treasurer reported total receipts for
the month as \$8423.29, total amount of
warrants paid \$8381.98; balance due bank,
\$9719.21. The balance on hand in different
funds is as follows: Sinking fund,
\$1492.90; street paving fund, \$4005.37;
sewer account, \$198.98; library account,
\$1805.44.

The engineer at the water works re-
ported that 51,000,000 gallons of water was
pumped during the month and 329 tons
of coal used.

The water inspector reported \$38 ex-
pended. Six water meters were placed,
making 177 now in use.

The street superintendent reported that
\$324.16 was expended for labor during
the month.

License for Whittington.
The finance committee recommended
favorably on a large number of liquor
bonds. Mr. Simpson objected to a license
being issued. He said he kept his place
open on Sunday and was running just
such a place as Hogle. Mr. Simpson
made a motion that a license be not granted
to William Whittington. The motion
was carried with a vote of 8 to 5. Licensees

were then granted to the other saloon
men.

Pay Roll and Bills.
The pay rolls were as follows: Sewer
inspector, \$36.79; water inspector \$38.50;
street superintendent, \$230.46; city offi-
cers, \$936.16; water works, \$596.50; po-
lice department, \$1331.69; fire depart-
ment, \$1339.25.

There was a large number of bills
which were allowed and warrants ordered
drawn for the amounts. There was a bill
for \$114.00 from W. M. Judd, for his work
on estimating the sewer. To this Mr.
Simpson objected and moved that the bill
lay over until the next meeting. The
motion was lost. There was also a bill of
\$730.35 for coal and Mr. Simpson also ob-
jected to this. Mr. Carter explained that
Engineer Barnett had purchased a large
amount of coal so as to have it on hand.

To Repair a Sidewalk.
Alderman Mathias made a motion that
the street superintendent be instructed to
notify Mr. Schindler to relay sidewalk
in front of Star laundry on North Water
street.

WOODMEN STRENGTH.

State Camp Now in Session at Spring-
field—215,000 Members in the
United States.

Today the Illinois state camp of Mod-
ern Woodmen began its annual meeting
at Springfield. The purpose of the meet-
ing is to select sixty-seven delegates to
the head camp which meets in Dubuque,
Iowa, next June, and to elect officers for
the ensuing term. These are the only
powers vested in the state camp, except
the ordinary advisory powers.

There are 1113 delegates (representing
all parts of the state. The headquarters
for the delegates are at the St. Nicholas
hotel. Last evening the celebrated team
from Vermilion camp, Danville, exam-
plified the secret work of the order at the
hall and the work was witnessed by the
delegates, state officers and several of the
head officers of the order.

The head officers who occupied seats on
the stage were Head Council Lieutenant
Governor Northcott; Head Clerk C. M.
Hawes, Rock Island, directors, General
J. N. Reese, Springfield; Prof. M. Quack-
erbusch, Dundee; John W. White, Rock
Falls and Head Physician Dr. R. E.
Beach of Vandalia, and F. O. Vangelder
of Sycamore, editor of the official paper.

The state officers witnessed the work and
the state directors, W. A. Rodenburg of
East St. Louis, C. J. Lindsey and E. E.
Watts at Greenville, were present.

The growth of the Modern Woodmen
has been remarkable. When the head
camp met in Springfield in 1890 there
were 40,000 members of the order in the
United States. Today there is a member-
ship of 315,000. At that time there were
1300 camps in existence; today there are
4500. At that meeting there was no
money in the general fund but there is
now \$200,000. The cost of insurance has
not increased in the last seven years and
the death rate has been slowly decreas-
ing instead of increasing. The average
age of membership is now less than at
any time in the history of the order. The
average is 35 years. This order has now
the largest membership of any society in
Illinois and is the second in membership
in the United States. The increase in
membership in 1896 was greater than that
of any society in the country.

Dr. E. H. Miller of Piper City, Living-
ston county, is the present state consul
and George Roberts of Elgin, is the state
secretary. There will be no contest over
the election of state officers. It is cus-
tomary for the elected delegates to choose
the state consul as the delegate-at-large to
the head camp meeting. As Dr. Miller is
the choice of the delegates for re-election
to the position of head consul he will un-
doubtedly be elected as the delegate-at-
large. Great interest is centering in the
selection of delegates to the head camp
and for this purpose the delegates to the
state camp from the congressional dis-
tricts will meet and select the number of
delegates to which they are entitled.

The Dance.
The attendance at the Leonard assembly
hall last night was unusually large and
the music with Prof. Wilhelm as violin-
ist and the Misses Leonard and Foster and
Mrs. Leah Ross-Miller as pianists, was
exceptionally good. There is to be a big
ballet hall at the armory in the near fu-
ture, a testimonial for Prof. Leonard who
is in very poor health.

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WEATHER PROBABILITIES.
 Chicago, Feb. 2.—Generally fair to-
 night and Wednesday; northerly winds
 becoming variable.

Mondell on Dubois.

When the agricultural appropriation bill was up for consideration in the house of representatives the latter part of last week, just after Dubois was defeated for re-election to the United States senate a bit of parliamentary crept into the discussion and Mr. Mondell (Rep.) of Wyoming, gave a short review of the course of the bolting free silver Republicans of the west. He found his text in the defeat of Senator Dubois, of Idaho. He referred to the bolters as men raised to their positions as much by the Republican organiza-
 tions as by their own worth, and joining the enemy, must sacrifice those who stood by them in the past and sacri-
 fice the organization which had defended them. He denied that their step involved moral courage, for it would have required more courage to brave the storm of de-
 nomination and suspicion at home than to break party ties. The men who tempo-
 rarily left the Republican party had been landed as unselfish patriots by their allies, but now the scales had fallen from their eyes. He continued:
 "Now, in these states where the Repub-
 lican organization was used to further the interests of the candidate of the Demo-
 crats and Populists for president, there has been nothing but treachery and deceit, practiced upon the men who made it pos-
 sible for these creatures to wield the weap-
 ons of their deception. Anti-national convention pledges were carried out by the opposition, because there was no way in which they could be avoided, but where-
 ver the silver Republicans had not the 'immoral' element has been exhibited. Slanders and misrepresentation have been used to
 tear down from their high estate the men who helped them to win their victories.
 Speaking of Senator Dubois, he said:
 "It will be claimed in extenuation of the perjury of the men who defeated Du-
 bois that the Republican national com-
 mittee was working against his re-elec-
 tion. Can any man wonder that the Re-
 publican national committee should work
 against the election of a man whom the
 national Democratic committee and every
 member thereof, from the chairman down
 claimed to be moving heaven and earth to
 elect; and they make this excuse in
 extenuation should remember that by so
 doing they are not only branding the
 members of the combination in the legis-
 lature who voted to defeat the election of
 a silver Republican to the senate as
 guilty, not only of the heinous crime of
 ingratitude, but open to a suspicion of
 exercising their high prerogative influ-
 ence by money consideration."
 Fred Dubois, whose eloquent tongue
 and active brain made him a power for
 the accomplishment of results for which
 the combination was made, was thrown
 down, unhurt, defeated by the men he
 made in favor of a man professionally
 lacking in all the qualifications that
 would render him of service to the cause
 which these hypocrites claim to have at
 heart. The dispatches this morning bring
 us the news that the gentleman who suc-
 ceeds him will go into the Democratic
 caucus of the senate of the United States,
 and the Republican state of Idaho is
 earned over boots, body and breeches to a
 minority representing less than 10 per
 cent of her total vote, and this is the true
 animus of the campaign for personal ag-
 grandizement under the guise of devotion
 to the silver cause, exposed to the execra-
 tion of the nation."

The Two Tariff Laws.

The treasury figures just given out show that under the McKinley tariff law the government receipts for the first twenty-nine months was \$385,964,830.43 and under the first twenty-nine months of the Wilson, so-called, revenue tariff law the receipts were \$733,987,775.30, being \$148,977,114.88 less.

The McKinley Law.

These figures also show that for the period the surplus under the McKinley law was \$33,096,188.16 while the deficit under the Wilson law was \$136,877,318.02. This comparison makes a splendid showing in favor of the McKinley bill on the point of revenue: but in addition to this when we take some other things into consideration there is no wonder the people have risen in rebellion against the Democratic party for its stupid policies.

The McKinley Law.

The McKinley law kept our people at work, and thus kept up the home market and gave the country prosperity while the Wilson bill robbed our own people of the demand for work and gave the country depression by destroying the home market by stimulating the demand for work abroad by opening our market to foreign-made goods. When the demand for labor here is diminished the home market suf-
 fers because idle men cannot buy goods.

The plan made for the Wilson bill was that it would remove burdensome taxes from the people, a promise which has not been realized for the expenditures of the government under the McKinley law for the period named was \$385,964,830.43 while for the same period under the Wilson law the expenses of the government were \$385,964,830.43, or nearly \$3,000,000 greater than under the McKinley law pe-
 riod. So it appears from these facts that the Wilson bill after all the promises made for it, with its destruction of home industries, with its deficiencies, with its increase of the burden of taxation, with its harmful and destructive effects upon the prosperity of the country has proven the fraud and disappointment of the last thirty years, and the country has none too soon made up its mind to start back upon the road of protection by which the great-
 est prosperity the country ever enjoyed has been achieved.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The expressions which the result of the Idaho senatorial election have called out show that the Republicans are not doing any mourning over Dubois' defeat. They have a natural feeling of resentment toward him for his abandonment of the party a year ago in the senate in the vote to take up the Dingley bill, and for his bolt in the St. Louis convention a few months later. This feeling is likely to continue, and to keep him permanently in retirement after the close of his present term, unless he goes over bodily to the Populists. Every one of the bolters—
 even Teller, with his virtually unanimous vote for re-election—has been injured by his secession. They are isolated, cut off from living connection with everything which 'counts' in public affairs, men without a party, Philip Nolans of poli-
 tics. Still, the party which they left has no good reason now to hold any grudge against Teller and his little band of non-descript. The party has gained more by their hostility than it ever did by their support.

When the Cubans want ammunition, it seems, they capture a section of Weyler's troops. This raises an economic question that Cleveland and Olney should speedily consider, namely, whether they could not aid Spain more by permitting filibuster expeditions to leave the United States coast without interference and thus take away the Cuban's excuse for spoiling Weyler's pride—the troops.

A good many people are complaining at the action of Nevada in legalizing prize fighting because they regard it as im-
 moral; but the fact remains that a prize fight will not injure the country one-hundredth part as much as the two Nevadans, Stewart and Jones would in case they were given license to put their policies into execution.

The fact that neither Fitzsimmons nor Corbett have insisted upon a gold clause in their contract with Dan Stuart indi-
 cates that some degree of confidence in our currency has been restored by the result of the election.

Everytime a shot is fired into a Spanish for in Cuba by the Cubans the Spaniards fire off \$5 worth of ammunition. That is one of the methods the insurgents have adopted for increasing Spain's war ex-
 penses.

If McKinley has made a mistake in the selection of Lyman J. Gage the people cannot ever make a just complaint for it seems they have all endorsed the appoint-
 ment.

Congress might do a good turn for the whole nation if, in order to stop the prize fight, it would wipe the pocket borough, Nevada, off the map.

Texas gets the commissioner of agricul-
 ture but Kansas and Nebraska are left to comfort themselves over the result of "the first battle."

"Thirty days hath September" and so hath Grover Cleveland.

Condensed Testimony.

Charles B. Hood, Broker and Manu-
 facturer's Agent, Columbus, Ohio, testifies that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a cough remedy. J. D. Brown, proprietor of the Hotel, Ft. Wayne, Ind., testifies that he was cured of a cough of twenty years' standing, caused by a gripe, by Dr. King's New Discovery. H. E. Merrill, Baldwinville, Mass., says that he has used and recom-
 mended it and never knew it to fail and would rather have it than any doctor because it always cures. Mrs. Hem-
 ming, 222 E. 25th street, Chicago, al-
 ways keeps it on hand and has no fear of Croup, because it instantly relieves.
 At West's drug store.

Marriage Licenses.

Lewey Ray, Decatur, 21.
 Jessie T. Vengulash, Decatur, 18.
 Robert E. Gates, Decatur, 20.
 Harriet G. Hafflein, Decatur, 17.

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The new high school building at Elmhurst.

The new high school building at Elmhurst, built to replace the one destroyed by fire a year ago, was formally dedicated on Friday with appropriate ceremonies. It cost \$25,000 and is a credit to the citizens.

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Take Contra-Cold Tablets, guaranteed or money refunded by all druggists, 20c.

TROLLEY FIRE ENGINE.

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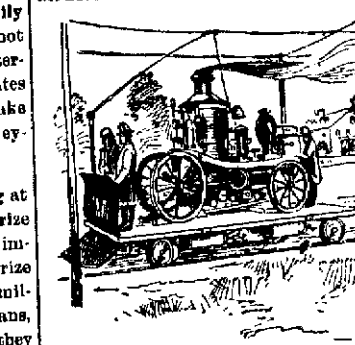
A trolley fire engine is the latest scheme. While it can be used in any city where there is a trolley service, it is primarily intended for use in suburban districts reached from cities by trolley systems. It often happens that fire breaks out in outlying districts, and the flames soon get beyond the control of the local department and has to be summoned from the near-
 est cities. It also happens at times that the point at which the engines are most needed is situated on some steep hill or in some out-of-the-way place, where it will take a great deal of valuable time to get a heavy city engine to the spot. If dependent only upon horses for mo-
 tive power.

Rough country roads, about which little is known by the city department drivers, and hills have always been a source of dread to firemen belonging to departments subject to calls from out-
 lying districts, and more than once an engine or truck hastening from the city near-by town has been ditched and rendered useless through bad roads and the ignorance of the drivers concerning the localities through which they must necessarily go in order to reach the scene of the fire.

Hills and rough roads, however, are no bar to the trolley speed, once the rails are laid, and a fire engine mounted on a truck riding over trolley rails is in no danger of being upset by washouts in the road, or being delayed by long hills, or by getting on the wrong road.

The city of Springfield, Mass., was the first to conceive of this trolley service in connection with the fire department, and an order was placed for a fire engine which could be mounted at a moment's notice upon a truck and run over the trolley lines to any point reached by that system.

In accordance with this order such an engine and truck are now being constructed for use in and around Spring-



TROLLEY FIRE ENGINE.

field. The engine itself in no manner, respect differs from any other fire engine, it being only in the method of carrying it over the trolley system that its unique features are apparent. It is constructed with the greatest simplicity consistent with strength and rapidity of handling. Two trucks, such as are in common use on every trolley system, are fitted with motors and a pair of carrying beams.

These carrying beams are simply two parallel beams of steel, which rest on supports raised slightly above the body of the trucks. The beams are placed so that they are just outside the wheels of the engine, thus giving the apparatus room to be backed into place between them.

These beams run just beneath the hubs of the engine wheels, and in them are semi-circular rests for the hubs to fit into. The forward ends of the beams are joined so that they may be let down in the form of an adjustable leg, the object of which is to support the carrying beams when the front truck is with-
 drawn.

When there is a call for an engine to some distant locality through which runs a trolley line, the pins which at-
 tach the carrying beams to the front truck are withdrawn, the front truck rolled out of the way, and the carrying beams separated, after which the ad-
 justable legs are dropped to support the beams and the engine backed into place. The forward truck is then run into place and the beams returned to their proper position, the hubs of the engine being at the same time placed within the slings. After the coupling pins are in position the engine is raised by means of four Norton jacks to a height of four inches above the level of the tracks, and is then ready to start over the trolley line.

The trucks are fitted with their own motors and can carry the engine, or the whole affair may be attached to an ordinary trolley car or engine. Each truck is braked by itself, and every precau-
 tion is taken to avoid the possibility of accident.

Once near the scene of the fire it is the work of but a few seconds to lower the engine to the ground by means of the jacks, uncouple the front truck, drop the carrying beams, and run the engine out into position. Should the trolley line not run sufficiently near the fire to allow the engine to be used with effect, horses are easily obtainable from the local department.

Standard for Apple Barrels.

The National League of Commis-
 sion Merchants, in session at Boston adopted the following standard for apple barrels: "Seventeen and one-half inches in diameter at the head and 28 1/2 inches in the length of stave, with the regular bulge in the center."

Miles of Reading Matter.

An ingenious French statistician has calculated that in reading 1,000,000 letters of the ordinary newspaper type the human eye travels a mile, and that the average man in an average lifetime gets through 2,300 miles of reading matter.

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FACTS FOR FARMERS.

The best kind of bedding for stock can be provided with leaves. They prevent draughts along the floor and are easily handled. Make them as soon as they begin to fall and store them under shelter for winter use.

Dr. Galen Wilson says: "All sheep men will admit in the time that feed and not breed gives quality to mutton. Mutton is little wanted for local consumption. The demand is for lamb. Lambs and wool occupy the arena, and who dares say that a 12-pound fleece is not worth more than a six-pounder?"

Let any farmer who keeps sheep for the wool they produce estimate its annual value and then compare such value with that which he derives from mutton and lamb, so as to determine in which direction the sheep give the largest profit, and he will not hesitate to increase the size of the sheep by improv-
 ing with mutton breeds.

The object in pruning grapes is to get a well-formed vine and a large yield of the best fruit. Two-thirds of the year's growth should be cut away. If not severely pruned more fruit will be grown than can be matured. We must remember that grapes grow upon the new wood only, and this year's branches bear next year's fruit. Let the vines be trimmed in the autumn.

When little pigs begin to eat they sometimes have accidents. To prevent this the food should be cooked until they get past the danger stage. No sow having pigs should be given slop that is sour or filthy. Clean, wholesome food, not too concentrated, and not too much at a time, is better than feeding a full belly of any and all kinds, that serve no purpose than to do harm or to be wasted.

PEOPLE OF THE WORLD.

Adelina Patti has been given the free-
 dom of the town of Bremen in Wales be-
 cause of her benevolence to her neigh-
 bors.

Jean de Monstres, Marquis de Meru-
 ville, who has just married Miss Green-
 dolen Caldwell, the Washington heiress is the head of a distinguished French family that owns an estate in Lamouru which has not changed hands since the thirteenth century.

Zola says he likes the bicycle for the forgetfulness it bestows. He says it is all nonsense for him to take walks as recreation, because he keeps right on thinking, but with the wheel he goes like the wind, he no longer thinks and the exercise gives him absolute repose.

Melton Prior, the famous English war artist, has been through 11 cam-
 paigns and has been wounded eight times. Three times his name has ap-
 peared in the list of those killed in bat-
 tle. His duties have taken him all over the world and he has attended nearly every royal wedding that has occurred during the last 25 years.

One of the richest men in Mexico is Maximilian Damm, a German by birth, who began life in Mexico as a clerk. Finally he went into business for him-
 self and while away on a visit to Ger-
 many his manager, whom he had left in charge of his Mexican affairs, took in what was supposed to be a worthless mine for a bad debt. The mine now pays an annual income of \$700,000.

CAPITAL CAKES.

A great cake was made by a London firm for the queen's jubilee. This plum-
 my monster stood 12 feet high and its weight was a quarter of a ton. Its value was \$1,500. The amount of physicians' fees paid by those who ate of it is not mentioned.

There were two important cakes at the wedding of the prince of Wales. The peak of the principal cake was formed by the prince of Wales' plume and the rose, shamrock and thistle formed no unimportant part of the decorations. Five feet was the height of this pile of sweetness.

At all royal weddings there are always chief cakes and a large number of lesser cakes. At the queen of England's wedding there were two of the former. One of these weighed 300 pounds, was 14 inches thick and 12 feet around. The topmost figure that surmounted this masterpiece of currants, spices, eggs and butter represented Britannia blessing the bride and groom.

If there are monster cakes there are also pyramids. The smallest wedding cake made in London was ordered by a lady for her child. It was a doll's wed-
 ding cake, three inches high, and weighed about four ounces. Every-
 thing about it was as perfect as could be, even to the tiny ornamentation, but it was like eating gold, for the price charged for this dainty confection was 60 cents an ounce.

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DAKOTA'S COWGIRL

Leaves a Wild Steer and Hides Him Despite His Hacking.
One of the most noted of the intrepid Dakota girls who reside in the great cattle country west of the Missouri river is Miss Bessie Hill, the postmistress at Leon, Stanley county. Miss Hill not only attends to her duties as postmistress in that wild region, but does a great deal of riding after her father's stock, pulls cattle out of the mire by a rope attached to the horn of her saddle, brands calves, breaks broncos and is considered one of the best "cow hands" between the Missouri river and the Black Hills.

Miss Hill, says the New York World uses the usual cowboy saddle, and wears



MISS BESSIE HILL

divided skirts, sombrero and gauntlet gloves. She is an expert with a lasso and a crack shot with rifle and revolver. One of her favorite diversions is to lasso a wild Texas steer, saddle and bridle him, mount upon his back and turn him loose upon the prairie. She says that these animals are quite as easily subdued as the average bronco. This daring young woman is 16 years of age, tall and handsome, with unusually pleasant manners, and no one from a casual observation would imagine for a moment that she possesses so much "nerve" and reckless courage. She frequently rides her favorite horses without saddle or bridle, guiding them by words or by a touch of the quirt on the side of the neck. This habit came near bringing her to grief one day last summer. She had been training her favorite colt, Lightfoot, to ride without the customary accoutrements, and wishing to corral a bunch of horses she sprang upon his back, without stopping to bridle him, and dashed after them. The horses ran through an open gate into a field enclosed by a high barbed-wire fence. By this time Lightfoot had become so excited from the brisk run as to be absolutely unmanageable, and he made straight for the fence at his topmost speed.

For a moment it seemed that horse and rider must become entangled in the barbed-wire and be mutilated, but just as the animal reached the fence it made a gigantic bound and cleared the obstruction. She succeeded in calming him as her brother and parents hastened to the scene. They begged her not to ride the colt again, but her "blood was up," and she now declared that she would drive the horses with Lightfoot just as he was or die in the attempt. Striking him a sharp blow with the quirt, she again flew after them, and this time she succeeded in landing them safely inside the corral.

JUDGE NATHAN GOFF.

Virginians Who May Have a Place in the McKinley Cabinet.
Judge Goff, of Charlottesville, W. Va., whose friends say he has accepted a cabinet position from President-elect McKinley, will not be unfamiliar with cabinet ways, should this be the truth. Judge Goff was secretary of the navy under President Hayes, and is one of the foremost jurists and ex-soldiers in the south. He was a brigadier general of the union army at 23 years of age



JUDGE NATHAN GOFF.

and is now in his fiftieth year. He was appointed in 1892 judge of the United States circuit court of West Virginia, a post he still holds. His political career has been varied and exciting. A republican in West Virginia, he has succeeded in being elected to high offices many times, a fact which speaks volumes for his personal worth and capacity. Defeated in 1870 and 1872 in his race for congress, he was nominated for governor in 1876, and was defeated after a remarkable campaign. In 1882 he ran on the republican ticket for governor, and was given by the returns a majority of 140 over A. B. Fleming. He took the oath of office, but was not recognized by Gov. Wilson. After long contest the election was given to Gov. Fleming. In 1892 he declined a re-nomination for governor and was then appointed judge.

Can Fly Backwards.
No bird can fly backward without turning. The dragon fly, however, can accomplish this feat and outstrip any swallow.



TO THE SOUTH.

ROLEY & LANNING, Real Estate Dealers, have another of their popular EXCURSIONS TO TEXAS on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, where they are selling so much of their choice cheap lands near Houston and Galveston. These lands are smooth, level prairie, most of them new and rich, have never had a plow in them. We can sell you cheaper and better lands, better terms than any one else can take exchange in on some of them. Write us or call on us. We also do a general exchange of business, have land to exchange for stocks of goods, have land to exchange for stocks of goods to exchange for land. In fact can take you with almost any kind of a trade. Especially their circulars on the country across the lay-out from Galveston. Write us or call and see us in Millikin bank building, Decatur, Ill.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Senator Kanan left for Springfield last evening.

Miss Mattie Bachrach is visiting friends in Bloomington.

General George A. Marden left for Springfield today on business.

W. C. Pluck has opened a wall paper store at No. 109 East North street.

Miss Alice Harvey, of Chicago, is in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Utley.

Miss Julia Nicholson is home from Taylorville, where she had been visiting friends.

Mrs. W. B. Baker is confined to her home on West North street with pneumonia.

Aaron Kaufmann is in Chicago to attend the wedding of his cousin, David Ottenheimer.

Mrs. Judge Schauk, of Columbus, O., who has been visiting Mrs. D. A. Maffit left for her home yesterday.

Dr. William A. Barnes left this afternoon for Jacksonville, Florida, where he will spend the rest of the winter.

Miss Grace Radcliff, of Baltimore, Md., who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Miller, left for home to-day.

LANDS FOR THE HOMELESS.

Nearly Two Million Acres in Oregon to Be Thrown Open to Settlement.

"Seekers after homes will divert their thoughts from Oklahoma and the Indian territory," said Maj. Charles L. Worden, agent of the United States at Klamath, Ore., recently, "and rush to Klamath as soon as the Indians have been allotted their lands in severity. When this is done about 1,500,000 acres of as fertile and beautiful country as any in the world will become part of the public domain and subject to homestead entry."

Since June, 1894, Maj. Worden has been in Oregon establishing farms, erecting schools and parceling out lands for the Indians to hold under the government's cooperative realty system devised for the red man.

Some months ago the curator of the national museum at Washington requested Maj. Worden to secure a collection of implements, domestic and offensive, as well as specimens of the raiment and handicraft of the Klamaths. He spared neither pains nor expense in performing the task, and he and his collection have reached the capital city, accompanied by the Klamath boundary commission. He will be in Washington for two months to give the interior department officials the benefit of his knowledge of the subject in dispute.

"If you think the Klamaths have no pride of attainment, no glory in tradition and no idea of caste," continued Maj. Worden, in exhibiting his collection to several visitors, "look at these. This is the war shirt of Moghen Casket, given by him with a bow of sinews and 12 poisoned arrows to Capt. Ivan Applegate. That huge dark mass resembling a whale's liver is the only Klamath medicine stone. To touch it is said to be instant death, and it is supposed to travel at night. I have to pay freight on it to Washington, however."

"That mortar and pestle arrangement is the Klamath device for grinding 'wocus,' their staff of life. 'Wocus' is made from the seed of pond lilies. In the Klamath marsh there are 200,000 acres covered with these beautiful flowers, which the Indians carry away in canoes."

"There is a 'wooden coyote,' regarded as 'strong medicine,' and a wooden bear which the Klamaths think is the ossified quintessence of Lalapokes' warlike spirit—also strong medicine. Lalapokes is an old man, chief sachem of the Klamath tribes."

"Those dilapidated trousers made of buckskin were presented by the daughter of Preston, who translated the treaty of 1864."

There are gloves, moccasins, arrow heads and ornaments of all descriptions in Maj. Worden's collection.—Chicago Chronicle.

The McFaul hotel in Clinton has been sold by H. D. Greider to S. H. Stewart. Mr. Greider has not yet decided where he will locate.

The lady minstrel show in Urbana on Wednesday was a great success and netted about \$110.

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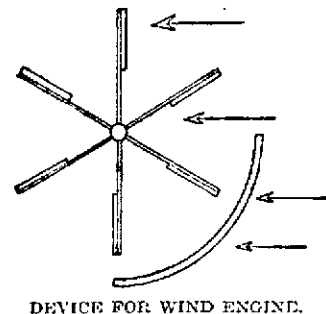
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RUDE WIND ENGINES.

Screens to Protect Those Vases Which Are Not Working.

Out in Kansas, and possibly in other states, there is in rather extensive use a rude sort of windmill, known as a "Mogul" or a "Jumbo." This has a horizontal axis and vanes like those of an old-fashioned water-wheel. The props which sustain the axle are permanent, so that only a breeze from one general direction (usually either north or south) will affect it, and the machine is only high enough up to allow the wheel to clear the ground. The lower half is boxed or fenced in, so that the wind can strike only the upper half. Considerable service is obtained from these curious arrangements, usually in pumping water for irrigation.

A somewhat similar idea has recently been proposed to the New York Tribune by two correspondents, writing almost simultaneously. One of them is B. F. Matthews, of Forked River, N. J. It is suggested that a wind-wheel, having vertical sails, or vanes, mounted at the ends of radiating horizontal arms, be provided with a screen or shield, so arranged as to cover just one-half of its front, and that the screen be movable, so that it will occupy the same relative



DEVICE FOR WIND ENGINE.

position, no matter from what direction the wind blows. The idea is roughly indicated by the accompanying diagram, which represents the view from overhead. The arrows are supposed to show the direction of the wind. Such a screen would be a slight improvement on all plans which tilt the sails edgewise as the latter come up against the breeze; for it would prevent the resistance which the bare arms, braces, guys and other parts of the revolving framework would otherwise encounter. The gain would not be much, but it would be something.

Of course, the principle involved is all that is here commended. It is necessary that the mechanism for shifting the shield, as occasion requires, shall be studied out carefully. Simplicity, strength and efficiency must be insured, or it would not pay to apply the idea. There are several ways in which it could be done, some clever and some clumsy. Here is a case where it is particularly true that what is worth doing at all is worth doing well. It is quite possible that these correspondents are not the first people who have attempted this thing.

THE MYSTERY OF LIFE.

Important Part Played by Carbonic Acid Water and Ammonia.

What do we know of life? Carbonic acid, water and ammonia, when taken into a plant, produce in some way protoplasm, which is a substance composed of minute corpuscles, and inside each corpuscle there is a smaller body called a nucleus, says London Truth. By taking in carbonic acid, water and ammonia and converting them into this compound, called protein, the plant maintains its vigor, grows and multiplies. The animal does the same by taking in the same compound, with this difference that, whereas the plant can manufacture protoplasm out of inorganic matter, the animal is obliged to procure it ready made from the plants. The same nucleated mass of protoplasm that is the unit of plant life is the unit of animal life. The body and the plant are multiples of such units variously modified, but in their composition identical.

When the animal dies the carbonic acid, the water and the ammonia of his body are restored to the collective stock. Again they are taken into new plants and through new plants into new animals. Thus protoplasm is the basis of all life. It is built up of ordinary matter and it is resolved again into ordinary matter. Plants can make protoplasm out of its component parts; animals can convert lifeless into living protoplasm. This is the only difference between a man and a plant as regards their making. How all this is done we have not the remotest notion. All that we know is that it is done. Remove the carbon, the oxygen, the hydrogen and the nitrogen, which form carbonic acid, water and ammonia, from the globe, and all vitality, whether animal or vegetable, would disappear from it. When brought together under certain conditions they give rise to protoplasm, and this protoplasm produces all the phenomena of life.

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The new high school building at Elmwood, built to replace the one destroyed by fire a year ago, was formally dedicated on Friday with appropriate ceremonies. It cost \$26,000 and is a credit to the citizens.

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THE FARM AND FARMER.

An icehouse is a necessary adjunct to every creamery. It should be built separate from the creamery. A house 20 feet long, 16 feet wide and 10 feet high will hold about 100 tons of ice. If an abundance of very cold water is at hand less ice will be needed. It is always best, however, to have plenty of ice, and for the ordinary creamery 100 tons is a safe quantity.

It costs only about ten per cent. more to keep a fresh winter cow than a dry one, that is if the dry cow is kept as well as she ought to be in order to do well the following summer. Add to this that the winter milk is worth on the average 50 per cent. more than the summer milk, and we see the superior economy of making the cow do her best work at that portion of the year when it costs the most to keep her.

The old wells on many farms may be regarded in the nature of an incubator. If every man that sells a farm would reserve the well and remove it with the personal property it would often be fortunate for his successor. It has always remained where it was first located. Successive owners have rearranged the buildings but never disturbed the well. What was once a good location may now be a very poor one.

Maryland has a law requiring the horticulturist of the state department station to inspect all nurseries in the state once a year and oftener if necessary. The object is to prevent the dissemination of insect pests and diseases upon nursery stock. The law prohibits the sale of plants without a certificate from the inspector, under a penalty of \$100 for each tree, vine or plant so disposed of. Infected stock must be destroyed. The law works well and it is believed that other states will enact similar legislation.

EVERYDAY THINGS.

Paper collars are now almost gone out of use, owing to the cheapness of the linen article and the convenience and excellence of the work done by the laundry. They were made of a basis of linen with a film of paper celluloid spread over its surface.

Pocketknives are now machine made, the blades being stamped from strips of steel and afterwards ground and polished before being fixed in the handle. The "assembling" of the different parts of the knife is a matter of hand labor.

Wire fencing is manufactured by a piece of mechanism which was considered, at its invention, to be almost a miracle of mechanical work. It is so intricate as to defy description, and even after a careful examination it is difficult to the uninitiated to understand its operation.

Stockings were made by machinery much earlier than is commonly supposed, a frame for stocking weaving having been invented in England by Rev. Mr. Lee, of Cambridge, in 1530. The stocking-making machines are now almost absolutely perfect, receiving the yarn, starting the stocking and turning the heel and toe complete.

Billiard balls are first roughly turned by a lathe from the tusk, then left for six months to a year in a room about the temperature of an ordinary billiard hall. This length of time is necessary because the ivory shrinks more in one direction than another, and the seasoning must be complete before the balls are finished and polished.

FACTS AND FIGURES.

In Italy there are more theaters in proportion to the population than in any other country.

Insurance companies claim that bicycling is more dangerous than traveling either by rail or ship.

Of the gold coins now in circulation in England only a very small proportion is as old as the year 1870.

Queen Victoria now rules 337,000,000 persons, a greater number than have ever before bowed to the will of one sovereign.

Russia has the most rapidly increasing population of any country on earth. The growth of the last 100 years has been a fraction less than 1,000,000 annually.

The largest orchard in Great Britain is at Tottington, in the county of Gloucester. It is 500 acres in extent, and some seasons it yields its owner, Lord Sudley, a profit of \$50,000. Apples and plums are raised there chiefly.

Of the 274,940 Hungarian gypsies enumerated in the last census 247,420 are described as sedentary, 20,400 as semisedentary and only 8,520 as nomadic while 2,164 are either soldiers or in jail. All profess some form of Christianity and 17,000 are professional musicians.

HOME HELPS.

A handful of hops in the brine in which hams and bacon are pickled adds to the flavor of the meat and keeps the brine sweet.

To clean a sewing machine cover all the bearings with kerosene, run the machine rapidly a few minutes, then with a soft cloth remove all the kerosene and apply machine oil.

Use curron oil for burns. It is made of equal parts of lime water and linseed oil. Drop a quantity of stone lime into water, stir well, let settle and pour off the top. When mixed with the oil shake well before applying.

Keep a box of powdered borax near the work table. Add a little to the water in which the dish towels and dish cloths are washed. They will wash easier, keep sweet longer and the borax will aid in keeping the hands soft.

To remove iron-rust spots in the absence of sunshine, soap them well, place a wet cloth on a very hot iron; when the steam rises, lay the spots on the cloth and immediately rub with a crystal of oxalic acid, or a damp cloth dipped in powdered crystals. When the spots have disappeared, wash at once in several waters. Guard the acid well, as it is a deadly poison.

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THE WORLD OVER.

Salt, sausages and hard boiled eggs soaked in brine form the yearly Christmas present which the Halle, an enormous salt corporation offers to the German emperor.

The native police at the foreign settlement at Yokohama having mastered the English language are now studying the Russian, Chinese and Korean tongues as part of their police duty.

A steamer collided with a lighthouse recently in Belfast Lough, and, having struck it, went down. The keeper and his wife stuck to the light until they were taken off by another steamer an hour later.

Archbishop MacLagan, of York, wishes to have his large diocese divided up into three. Sheffield, Leeds and Hull are spoken of as likely to have bishops of their own, the tendency in England now being to make large towns cathedral cities.

This year's Paris salon will be the one hundred and twenty-fourth. Under Louis XIV. ten exhibitions were held, under Louis XV. 26, under Louis XVI. nine, under the First Republic nine, under Napoleon I. five, during the Restoration six, under Louis Philippe 16, during the Second Republic four, under Napoleon III. 19, while since 1872 there has been one every year. In the salon of 1890 only 273 works were exhibited whereas of late years the average has been 5,000.

HISTORY REMASHED.

The first fire insurance company to begin business in this country opened its doors in Philadelphia in the year 1794.

The first newspaper is said to have been the Boston News Letter, first issued in 1704. It was a half sheet, 12 by 18 inches.

Hohenlinden, where Moreau inflicted a crushing defeat upon the Austrians, is a hamlet of upper Bavaria, 20 miles east of Munich. The famous poem of Thomas Campbell, beginning "On Lincolden when the sun was low," was written by the poet after a visit to the battlefield the day succeeding the battle.

The glove is of great antiquity. It was known in England at the time of the Anglo-Saxon kings, but it was the sixteenth century that saw the greatest display in this direction. In the "Book of the Royal Wardrobe of Scotland" (1579) a hawk glove is described as "set with 12 rubies, 7 garnets, 52 pearls and the rest set over with small pearls." Elsewhere we are told that Queen Mary's ordinary gloves were of the gauntlet form, embroidered with silver, colored silks and small pearls.

DOINGS ABROAD.

Carnegie's house on the Avenue Velazquez in Paris, which the biometalist banker bequeathed with its contents to the city of Paris as a museum, has been at once open to the public.

Two hundred million dollars' worth of property, real and personal, including \$40,000,000 in hard cash, is what the late Shah of Persia, Nasr-ed-din, left behind him, according to official statements.

Japan having made a treaty with Germany by which German trade marks and patents will be recognized in Japan, Great Britain proposes to obtain the same privileges for British subjects, under the most favored nation clause.

Negus Menelik has received as a present from the czar of Russia a complete set of wind instruments, a piano and an organ. Several Russian musicians have been sent with the instruments to teach the Abyssinians to play on them.

Chelsea district of London utilizes its street refuse by separating the rags and paper, which are converted into brown wrapping paper, while the rest of the refuse is burned in the furnaces of the reducing works and the residuum is used in brickmaking.

NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Brattleboro (Vt.) enterprise proposes to dam the Connecticut river two miles north of the village and put in an electric plant to carry electric power to the village for manufacturing uses.

At a recent meeting the board of trade of Little Rock adopted a report of a committee which favored a scheme of building a railroad with convict labor. The legislature is to consider the matter.

Schoolhouses are multiplying in New Jersey. During the past year 38 new buildings were erected, 65 were enlarged or remodeled, and the value of school property was increased by \$108,515. The total seating capacity is now 270,066.

Indiana is preparing for a centennial celebration at its capital. One suggestion already meeting considerable approval is that the state erect on land which it owns in Indianapolis a building which shall contain a permanent exhibition of the products and industries of the state.

ALL SORTS.

The old historical building in Fort Scott, Kan., which was used by the United States government when the town was a military post, was sold recently, on a mortgage for \$100.

In his history of the Coldstream guards, just published, Col. Ross narrates how the regiment's pet dog Toby amused himself by chasing the enemy's cannon balls as they went rolling over the battlefield of the Alma.

Florida has had three important gatherings this winter, the tobacco convention at Ocala, coast defense congress at Tampa and the national grand railroad congress and wheelmen's meet at Orlando, each following closely in the winter named.

The Johnson City Journal asserts that within Stanton, Morton, Grant and Stevens counties there is not a single pauper, and it attributes this fact in reply to those who are continually bemoaning the poverty and suffering in western Kansas.

DOING THE BUSINESS.

I say we would do the way we have marked All our winter goods we knew the prices and that is the reason we are on doing the business. We carry the largest tur to pick from from, the best style and fit in Decatur and at the. No wonder we are BUSINESS. Call before are gone.

DEAP ARLEY, Reliable Clothier...

Brazilian Balm

THE GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN BALM!

...CURES...

Coughs, Colds, Croup & Grippe

LIKE MAGIC.

RADICALLY CURES

CATARH!

It clears the head of foul mucus; heals the sore and ulcers of the head and throat; restores the breath, and perfectly restores the senses of the taste, smell and hearing. Stops headache and drooping into the throat. Also destroys the germ which causes

HAY FEVER,

making a perfect cure in a few days. Never fails! No fatal case of LA GRIPPE ever known where Brazilian Balm was faithfully used. It destroys the grippe germ and quickly removes all the after bad effect.

INFALLIBLE IN ASTHMA, CROUP, BRONCHITIS, PNEUMONIA, DYSPEPSIA, RHEUMATISM, TYPHOID and SCARLET FEVER, MEASLES, and any disease where there is inflammation, Fever or Congestion. Greatest relief in Consumption ever discovered.

Cures a Fresh Cold in one day. Stops sneezing in the head and relieves deafness. As an injection outward use heals Cuts, Sores and Burns like magic. Freely use FOR CONSUMPTION AND TUBERCLES.

raculous. The Best Family Medicine in Existence.

0 Doses, or Two Weeks Treatment for Catarrh.

EQUALS THREE 500. BOTTLES.

TESTIMONIALS:

of inveterate catarrh which I had for over 20 years.

of medical science."—*Gen. J. Parke Foster.* "In

of grippe we have found Brazilian Balm invaluable."

for Del. Ave. Bldg. Ch. "Mrs. Love has used the

her much good."—*Hon. Chas. B. Love, Chief Jus.*

Balm cured a friend of mine of hay fever."—*Thos.*

to years from catarrh. Brazilian Balm applied

restored my hearing."—*Mrs. John Scallen, Chester,*

persia I ever saw tried."—*Judge Edward Wooten,*

with a racking cough and all the remedies and the

cured with one bottle of Brazilian Balm. It shall

could not get my hand to my head. I took ten

six months. Am now entirely cured and as *Wm. Burrell, aged 87.* A lady in Cincinnati was so

the winter for seventeen years she was unable to

and permanently cured with Brazilian Balm.

B. F. JACKSON & CO., Cleveland, O.

strong Bros., Druggists.

Cough

Syrup

sterling value. It positively

Affections, Cough, Cold, Croup,

pple. You can always rely on it.

GH SYRUP is indispensable to

25 cts. Shun all substitutes.

THE WORLD OVER.

Still, the ages and hard boiled eggs

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SELECTIONS OF VERSE.

A Boy's Remedy.

In thinking over different ways a boy can

To lighten up his load o' cares an' over-

stock o' grief.

It 'pears t' me there's only one that fills

the hill at all.

An' that's to scamp to his ma an' let her

hear him bawl.

It don't need much hard thinkin' to call

some times to mind.

When I had bitter grievances against the

human kind.

And how they use t' lighten up and kind o'

float away.

When I'd sit down and bellow near my ma

for half a day.

If you get ticked at fightin', or get hit with

a ball,

Or if you're climbin' in a tree and have a

real bad fall,

You don't want no patent medicines to soothe

your throbbin' breast,

But what you need 's to find your ma and

bawl your level best.

And if your ma's away from home, don't

waste a single tear;

For not a grain o' comfort comes unless

she's round to hear.

Just tuck your grief away till night, when

she comes home again.

Then run an' jump right in her lap and

bawl with might an' main.

Ev'n now it 'seems t' me, when busy

care perplex,

An' things all work out crisscross, my

peaceful soul to vex;

If I could only bellow like I use to when a

boy.

The noise would scare my grief away and

fill its place with joy.

—*Walter W. Kay, in Youth's Companion.*

A Modern Minerva.

She is fair in form and feature; quite an

airy, fairy creature, and of art and play

teacher; she can talk and sing,

and sing, too, in a manner quite di-

vine.

She is up in French and Sanscrit; can sur-

vey with chain and transit; name a

dance and she can dance it; and in

golf and tennis playing she is always

first in line.

She can drive a fiery tandem; troll for

and needs no hand; and she never

talks at random, for she has good

sense of knowledge upon which she

loves to draw.

She is quite a politician; is a well-versed

rhetorician, and a very keen logician

and she knows the hidden secrets that

are wrapped up in the law.

—*Omaha World-Herald.*

The Old-Time Fire.

Talk about yer buildin's

That's all het up by steam;

Give me the old oak tree

Whar the old folks used dream.

The rickety dog-iron—

One-shed as could be

The ashes heaped with 'aters—

Roastin' their fer me!

The dog on one side drivin'

Or barkin' at the door;

The kitten cuttin' capers

'With the knittin' on the floor.

An' me a little towhead

By mammy's side at night,

Howards of Ointments for Catarrh That

Contains Mercury.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense

of smell and completely derange the

whole system when entering it through

the mucous surfaces. Such articles

should never be used on prescriptions

from reputable physicians, as the

damage they will do is ten fold to the

good you can possibly derive from them.

Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains

no mercury, and is taken internally, act-

ing directly upon the blood and mucous

surfaces of the system. In buying

Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the

genuine. It is taken internally and

made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney

& Co. Testimonial free.

Sold by Druggists, price 75c per

bottle.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The lady minstrel show in Urbana on

Wednesday was a great success and netted

about \$110.

A weed in the garden can be easily

destroyed when it first starts. Con-

sommption can be nipped in the bud by

One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner

& Son and Armstrong Bros.

The fire department of Springfield have

donated \$400 in cash for the relief of the

poor of that city.

All the different forms of skin

troubles, from chapped hands to eczema

and indolent ulcers can be readily

cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve,

the great pile cure. A. J. Stoner & Son

and Armstrong Bros.

The district convention, (11th annual),

of Christian Endeavor, will be held at El

Paso May 14 and 15.

Loose—A dear little child who made

home happy by its smiles. And to

think, it might have been saved had

parents only kept the house One

Minute Cough Cure, the infallible rem-

edy for croup. A. J. Stoner & Son and

Armstrong Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Moore were married

for the second time at Newman last week.

They were divorced twenty years ago.

Diagnosis of Grippe.

True grippe is a germ disease. These

germs are in the circulation and per-

vade every tissue and organ of the body.

This brings speedy collapse and often

death to the aged and debilitated. The

only germicide known that searches

out and destroys every germ in the

system is DeWitt's Balm. A week or

ten days' treatment effects a complete

cure.

For sale by Armstrong Bros., Druggists

Robert J. Burdette, the well known hu-

morist, formerly of Peoria, is visiting

friends in that city.

Something for burns, scalds, chapped

hands and lips. Healing for cuts and

sores. Instant relief for piles, sore pain

at once. These are the virtues of

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A. J.

Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

The prohibitionists of Livingston coun-

ty are to have a grand levee at Pon-

tine in the court house Feb. 13, prox.

A torpid liver means a bad complex-

ion, bad breath, indigestion and fre-

BARGAIN COLUMN.

Advertisements of Party words or less may

be inserted in this column at the rate of

cents per week, payable invariably in advance

For Sale. For Rent. Wanted, Etc.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Fine land near Beaman and

Port Arthur, Texas. Low prices. Easy

terms. Good schools, low taxes, no drought

or blizzards. Probable crops: rice, cotton, fruits,

vegetables. Enquire of A. J. STONER & SON,

130, 131 City Ticket Office, Decatur, Ill.

Jan. 25-26

FOR SALE—For spot cash, \$250, you can get

a fine building lot, very high ground, size

40x125, on North Union street. Only one left.

don't talk at once. PETER H. BRUECK,

Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street.

Nov. 13-14

FOR SALE—Here's something that will uti-

lize your pocketbooks. Three fine lots,

very high, on North Union street, size 30x125

each, or \$200 for all, one-half cash, bal-

ance easy terms. Elegant building

lots, new houses all around. Can use a good

driving horse as part pay. PETER H. BRUECK,

Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street.

ROGERS BROS.' Knives, Forks and Spoons.

None Genuine Without "1847"
Stamped Upon Them.

These "1847 Rogers Bros." make is the old original brand of Silver Plated Knives, Forks and Spoons, and cost more in the market than any Rogers make. PLEASE DO NOT CONFUSE IT WITH Wm. Rogers, Rogers & Brother or any other Rogers, without the "1847 Rogers Bros." trade mark stamped upon them. There are twenty imitations, all of which use the word "Rogers" in some shape, but none but the genuine dare use "1847 Rogers Bros."

You should get our prices on

Solid Silver Spoons.
We are showing a very fine line at
VERY LOW PRICES.

We claim to be Headquarters on

**Diamonds, Watches,
Clocks and Jewelry.**

OUR SECOND FLOOR CHINA DEPARTMENT

Is second to none in the State, and we are showing
Dinner Ware and Toilet Ware in a very large variety of
patterns, and at prices equal to corn at 15 cents a bushel.

Our House has been Established Over 20 Years at
156 EAST MAIN STREET.

Otto E. Curtis & Bro.

We're After Money!

So hard that any little consideration as to the
actual value of the goods must not stand in our
way. For instance there is our fine line of
HANAN & SONS' Men's Fine Shoes in Enamel
and Patent Leathers, never sold for less than
\$6.00 before. Now come around and get one
pair or as many pairs as you want at only \$5.00
per pair.

Prices Are Knocked Silly,

And remember all the time that these shoes which we
are offering at such low prices are up-to-date in style,
well made, desirable, nothing the matter except that the
sizes are somewhat broken. If we can fit you we can
give you a bargain such as you read about in old times
but seldom see nowadays. Our ladies' handwelt shoes,
dongola, vici kid sold for \$3.00 per pair and were cheap
at that, now marked down to \$2.25. Ladies' hand-
turned vici kid shoes, regular \$4.00 grade, and well worth
that price of anybody's money, now only \$2.65 per pair.
Ladies' \$2.50 vici kid shoes, in all the new toes; these
shoes have been the talk of the town at the price—more
appearance, style, good material and workmanship than
you could get for the money anywhere else—now you can
buy one pair or as many pairs of them as you want for
only \$1.95 per pair. Proportionately low prices on all
men's shoes.

Now Is the Accepted Time!

Now is the time to invest. If times seem tight that is
all the more reason why you should save money in your
purchases of footwear. We invite you to come. Hurry
up while you can be sure you will be fitted. Come and
save yourself rich.

F. H. Cole Shoe Co.

148 East Main St. Sign of the Brass Foot Tracks.

B. F. BOBO, Manager.

HEADACHE CURED FOR 10 CENTS

—AT—
KING'S DRUG STORE,

By using Dr. Hamilton's
Headache Tablets.

Cor. Main and Water Sts.,
Opposite Linn & Scruggs.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

MASONIC.—Stated convocation of Mason
Chapter, No. 21, Royal Arch Masons, this
(Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock, in Temple Block.
Visiting companions are welcome. C. L. HOVEY,
E. H. P. THRO. COLEMAN, Sec'y.

LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.
Drink Cool's 25c combination coffee.
Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent-
er, made by John Weigand. Mob 35 ft.
Sleeth is the only photographer in the
city who guarantees satisfaction.
Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made,
Sumatra wrapper—6 cent cigar.

The Royal Neighbors of America will
give their calico ball at the new K. P.
hall in Powers block.

The Fullenwider truss cures rupture
For sale by the Cerrodanie Co., 21 Syn-
dicate block. Jan 18-dlm

At Mahomet the ice men are putting up
ice twelve inches thick, the best in several
years.

The members of the Guards will give a
ball Friday evening at their armory.
Only the members of the guards and their
lady friends will be admitted.

The meeting of the board of directors
of the Y. M. C. A. which was to have been
held this evening has been postponed for
one week.

Buy your garden, flower and field seeds
of Ben Culp, the old reliable seedsmen
fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed
in bulk. No. 223 North Main street.
Durfee & Culp.—1-d&wt

Rev. A. W. Hawkins is holding revival
meetings this week at the corner of Broad-
way and Division street. The attendance
and interest are good. Services at 7:30
each evening.

The funeral of the infant child of Frank
Moore was held this afternoon at 2:30
o'clock from the residence, No. 929 West
Decatur street. The services were con-
ducted by Rev. W. C. Miller and the burial
was at Greenwood cemetery.

The Savings Fund Building associa-
tion, A. J. Wood secretary, will occupy
the store room in the opera house block,
two doors north of the entrance, vacated
some months ago by Uley, the tailor.
The big safe was put in the room yester-
day.

On Sunday Jan. 31, James Alsop of
North Calhoun street, was taken to the
Rebekah hospital at St. Louis to undergo
a surgical operation. It was successfully
performed and Mr. Alsop, who is now
able to get around without assistance,
may be brought home this week.

To get rid of shoes quickly we apply
the only true and tried remedy—sacrifice
all our surplus shoes. Compare our bar-
gain list with the very best that others
offer and you will be convinced that none
sell as cheap as Powers'. Youth's first
quality rubbers, 20 cents; men's self-act-
ing rubbers, 25 cents; gentlemen's finest
\$5 and \$6 grades at \$2.98.—1-d&wt

For the above price we will sell the
finest shoes for gentlemen to be found in
Decatur. See them in our window. Fol-
rath & Hardy, stylish and reliable foot fit-
ters. Sign of the old cobbler.—28-d&wt

HALF PRICE ON PLASTERS.
West's Drug Store.
Alcock's Plasters.....2 for 25c
Belladonna Plasters.....2 for 25c
Strengthening Plasters.....2 for 25c

Garden Seeds.
Just received a large stock of all kinds
of D. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden
seeds, at the Spencer & Lehman Co.'s.—
Jan 29-d&wt

Decatur Tailoring Co.
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GRACE CHURCH SOCIETIES.

The Epworth League and the Christian
Endeavor to Disband.

Last night at a called meeting the
Christian Endeavor society connected
with Grace M. E. church disbanded, al-
though the course was pursued against the
advice of the pastor, Rev. W. E. Gill-
more. The plan was not the one thought
best to be pursued by the pastor. The
Endeavor members went ahead and gave
up their organization in favor of the Ep-
worth League, another young people's so-
ciety connected with the church. It was
voted by the Christian Endeavorers to
give the maps, charts, mottoes, and song
books to the county union for distribution
among the county endeavor societies who
are not supplied. The officers of the so-
ciety form the executive committee. They
are Henry Vandyne, G. A. Kenney,
Charles Pease, Mrs. H. M. Krellier,
Charles Muench. This committee assisted
by the chairman of the different society
committees will formally give up the
charter in a few days. It is understood
that the present Epworth League will also
disband this week and that the members
of both disbanded societies will meet and
reorganize an Epworth League. Every-
thing is harmonious.

THE GOODMAN BAND.

Will J. Gilkeson Elected President—Other
Officers Chosen.

Last night the annual meeting of the
Goodman band members was held when
these officers were elected:

President—Will J. Gilkeson.
Vice President—John Graves.
Secretary—Dr. T. S. Childs.
Treasurer—Herman Martin.
Manager and Band Sergeant—George
Golson.

Director—Robert Walter.
Trustees—John Grindol, Robert Wal-
ter, George Shaffer, George Bain and
Frank Hubbard.

There is one appointive office, that of
band librarian, and the trustees will make
the appointment at the next meeting.
This office has become one of importance
in the Goodman band. The library of
between six and seven hundred pieces of
music each one in about twenty-four
parts. Marches are in the greatest num-
ber followed by overtures, solos, waltzes
and selections. This library represents a
cost of \$1500. It must be classified and
correctly catalogued. It is contained in
two large cabinets.

Funeral of Mrs. Read.
The funeral of the late Elizabeth Allen
Read, the widow of Dr. Thomas Read,
was held yesterday afternoon from the
First Baptist church. The services were
conducted by Rev. D. R. MacGregor.
The funeral was largely attended. The
music was rendered by a choir composed
of Mrs. F. P. Howard, Miss Rebecca
Howard, A. Lindamood and Barry Ken-
nedy. The pastor preached a brief funeral
sermon. He took for his text John xxxvii,
21: "Now men see not the bright light
which is in the cloud." The minister spoke
of death as a cloud and said that there
were five lights that could be seen
through the cloud. One was the church
which the deceased has been a member of
since its organization. Another was her
presence in the church, her help to others,
her home life as a wife and mother, and
her going to the other world. There were
pointed out as the bright things to be seen
in her death. Rev. MacGregor also read
a short memoir giving dates in regard to
the life of the deceased.

The burial was at Greenwood cemetery.
The pall bearers were E. A. Gastman,
George W. Bright, W. E. Nelson, R. W.
Shull, J. E. Saxton and B. O. McRey-
nolds.

James O'Neill in Monte Cristo.
The eminent romantic actor, Mr. James
O'Neill comes to this city in a scenic re-
vival of "Monte Cristo." For ten years
he has appeared in Dumas' famous drama
and although he has played the part of
Edmond Dantes over 3000 times, he has
never missed a single performance. In
the public's eye he has become so identi-
fied with the main character of Dumas'
romantic tale, that it absolutely refuses
to see any other actor attempt to portray
the role that Mr. O'Neill created in this
country. During his coming engagement
at the Grand on Saturday evening, Feb.
6, the costumes are said to be correct and
artistic.

Sales of Real Estate.
Julius C. Costello to Thomas Costello,
tract of land in 26, 17, 3 east, \$350.
C. M. Imboden to John Imboden,
north half of lots 1 and 3 and all of lot 4
in block 12 in South addition, \$5000.
W. H. Starr to Edward L. Martin, lots
9, 13, 14 and 17 in block 2 in River-
side place, \$2000.
Edward L. Martin to W. H. Starr, lot 2
in Bumstead's addition, \$4000.

Wedding Yesterday.
Robert E. Gates and Miss Harriett G.
Boffheld were married yesterday at the
pate nage of the First Baptist church.
The ceremony was performed by Rev. D.
R. MacGregor, at 1:30 o'clock. The cou-
ple will make their home in this city.

Big Farm Sold.
The Woodman farm of 305 acres near
Farmer City was sold on Monday for \$16,
800. The purchaser was Harry Swigart
of Weldon. Several Decatur parties had
been solicited to attend the sale and make
a bid.

Around the World.
The Canadian Pacific Special conducted
excursion "around the world" leaves
about May 1. Tickets, \$560. For itiner-
aries and particulars call at Washburn city
office.—28-d&wt

THE LIBRARY AGAIN.

Liberal Offer Formally Made by
Roberts & Green in Writing.

IT AMOUNTS TO A GIFT \$700 A YEAR

Rent Free and Annual Income—Only
Charge Would be for Heat \$150

a Year—Text of the
Proposition.

Following close upon the action of the
members of the public library board in
changing the location of the library from
the Roberts & Green building, corner of
North Main and William streets, to the
fifth floor of Orlando Powers' new block,
corner of South Water and Main streets,
by a vote of 5 to 4, Messrs. Roberts &
Green today submitted this proposition to
the members of the library board for con-
sideration:

Proposition.
To the members of the Library Board
of the City of Decatur, Illinois, and to the
patrons and beneficiaries of said Library:

The undersigned have for years had in
contemplation to do something which
they believe would be to the advantage of
the community in the way of a donation
in aid of said library which would as they
believe increase its advantages and its use-
fulness and assist it to a more rapid de-
velopment. They have been delayed in
this action, first, by the loss on account
of the fire in their building, and second,
by their feeling that it was their duty to
assist the churches of which they are mem-
bers somewhat liberally in their creation
of new buildings, having now attained
the period when they feel that without
risk of injury to themselves they might
make such donation for the benefit of
said library, they had the same in mind
when they suggested to Mr. Quinlan a
member of said board, that he might take
a white sheet of paper and write thereon
the proposition desired by the library and
it would be accepted by the owners of the
building. Now, in order to evince their
willingness to aid the beneficiaries of the
library and to start at least the donation
which they had intended they hereby offer
to donate the entire second floor of the
building in which the library is situated
to the use of said library without rental,
the same to be used to whatever extent is
needed or desirable at once for the benefit
of said library and as to the portion which
shall not be needed for such purpose for
the present or probably for some time to
come they donate to said library the ren-
tals thereof until such time as it shall be
found desirable to use such portion for
the library at once, the rentals of said
portions now amounting to over \$400 per
annum, which can be used by the board
for the purchase of additional books and
there more rapidly increase the extent and
usefulness of said library. In this offer
they grant to the use of said library a
space of 10x329 feet in dimensions inclu-
sive of the space for light and air and
give them the benefit of the most perfect
and thorough ventilation, with ample
light, abundance of room, easy access by
means of three stairways, when desired
and convenient location outside of the im-
mediate rush of business and where it is
most convenient for the use and advan-
tage of the people with the least risk and
exposure and with the greatest safety to
its patrons.

Signed,
Roberts & Green.

A copy of the foregoing proposition is
now in the hands of the library board. It
was rumored at noon that a special meet-
ing of the board had been called to con-
sider the proposition but it is learned that
no meeting has been held and that so far
as known none will be held in the near
future. In fact, one member of the
board, who voted for the change, stated
that he considered the action of the board
taken on Monday as final. Further than
this declaration he would not talk, except
to say that he didn't think the case would
or could be reopened. Another member
of the board who voted against the remov-
al, stated that he regarded the expression
of the board in favor of the Powers build-
ing as final, and that so far as he was con-
cerned he could not see what could be
done now by an attempt to consider any
proposition, however generous. He did
not think it likely that the board would
meet again to consider the Roberts &
Green offer. He had not been notified of
any meeting to be held. He thought the
whole matter was finally settled Monday.

The Offer.
The offer of Roberts & Green will be
regarded by the public generally as very
liberal. It means a gift of \$700 a year
outright to the library, for the whole sec-
ond floor, figuring the rental on the pres-
ent basis at \$450. The item of heat is
not included in the offer. That would
cost \$150, so that the proposition is a gift
of \$700 annually to the library. Mr.
Roberts stated today that the offer as re-
duced to writing was what he meant at
the meeting of the board Monday, when
he asked one of the members of the board
to write out what was wanted on a blank
sheet of paper and it would be granted.

All the different forms of skin
troubles, from chapped hands to eczema
and indolent ulcers can be readily
cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve,
the great pile cure. A. J. Stoner & Son
and Armstrong Bros.

The district convention, (11th annual),
of Christian Endeavor, will be held at El
Paso May 14 and 15.

Lost—A dear little child who made
home happy by its smiles. And to
think, it might have been saved had the
parents only kept in the house One
Minute Cough Cure, the infallible rem-
edy for croup. A. J. Stoner & Son and
Armstrong Bros.

The Petersburg Observer has celebrated
its twenty-first birthday.

JUNE LANCASTER ON TRIAL.

Addie Cooper Tells Her Sad Story to Court
and Jury.

Since Monday afternoon the last day
case of the People vs June Lancaster has
been on trial by jury in the county court,
Judge Hammer presiding. The complain-
ing witness is Miss Addie Cooper, who
has been a charge at the county poor farm
ever since she got into trouble. Addie
Cooper is a mulatto and had been a ser-
vant in the family of John Roberts a
farmer, near Niantic. She was on the
stand in court this forenoon and told a
babe on her lap. She testified that Lan-
caster is the father of the child. Last
summer in the guardianship proceedings
as to Lancaster's two motherless boys, the
Cooper girl testified that John Roberts,
the farmer by whom she had been em-
ployed, was the father of the unborn
child. Now she claims that at that trial
Lancaster caused her to make the un-
truthful accusation as to Roberts. I. B.
Mills and I. A. Buckingham appear for
the prosecution, and Leforge and Lee
and David Hutchison for the defense.
The juryman are Dan Culp, J. Gordon,
George Nichols, M. Wallace, J. McCarthy,
W. Locke, H. Downing, G. N. Iwaddell,
Lowry, Portwood, France and Angle.
The court room has been crowded all day
Sheriff Nicholson in person presides over
the trial.

THE CHARITY HEADQUARTERS.

It Was a Busy Day and There Were Many
Applications for Assistance—We
men's and Children's Clothes
Are Needed.

The workers at the charity headquar-
ters were kept busy today. There were a
large number of calls for assistance and
everyone was fitted with clothes and food.
The managers are already beginning to
find the imposters. Some of the children
come to the place in rags and ask for
clothes. Their request is granted and the
children change their new clothes for
rags and come back again for another
supply. Many other tricks are attempted
but even if some do impose on the gen-
erosity of the public a great work is being
done and many hungry families are being
fed. So far about 250 families have been
given assistance.
The calls for fuel were not so great to-
day on account of the change in the tem-
perature but there is still a great deal of
fuel being given out. One thing which
is especially needed is clothes for women
and children. The supply in this time
has run out and there are many women
and little ones who are suffering for the
want of sufficient wearing apparel. This
morning there was a credit of \$50 at the
coal shaft in favor of the charity store.
Four persons gave \$20 each to increase
the supply of coal.

Hutchins to Move His Shoe Store.
About March 1 we will move to 10
North Water street (first door north of
Races). That will give us February yet
in our present quarters. We have im-
proved. We did that to see what we have.
We have \$50,000 worth of the best shoes
ever brought to Decatur. We won't move
all of them, in fact, can't move many, but
we have bought enough new goods to
stock up our new place. But we will
move them in the easiest way possible,
and that is to let you put the price you
want to pay on them and move them for
us. So get a move on yourself and help
us move by securing the best shoe bar-
gains any store ever gave. Remember
it's a February sale and will give us a
lively month. Walter Hutchins,
1-d33wt 355 North Water street.

REDUCED PRICES FOR 30 DAYS.
Ladies' and Children's Dresses,
Cloaks, Wrappers and Capes dyed
and dry cleaned. No ripping apart.
Lace and chenille and portiers dry
cleaned at reduced prices for Febru-
ary, by the leading practical dyers
and dry cleaners of Decatur. H. H.
Miller & Bro., 145 North Main street.

M. R. and Carrie Campbell of Farmer
City, have sold their farm of 80 acres
west of town, for \$80 an acre, and are
looking for a new location in the neigh-
borhood of Dixon.

The Citizens' Relief association of Pe-
oria has furnished supplies and relief of
one kind or another to 1500 persons since
the cold snap came on.

The Prohibitionists of Livingston coun-
ty are to have a grand love feast at Pen-
tiac in the court house Feb. 13, next.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Moore were married
for the second time at Newman last week.
They were divorced twenty years ago.

Robert J. Burdette, the well known hu-
morist, formerly of Peoria, is visiting
friends in this city.

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CALIFORNIA MURDER

C. F. Kloupfert Kills Charles E.
Dodge and Alexander
Borland.

FIVE CHILDREN DROWNED IN RIVER

A Salt Lake Fire—A Dakota Train
Wreck—Store and Proprietor
Burned—Probable Railroad
Strike—Burning Mine.

Stockton, Cal., Feb. 3.—Charles E.
Dodge and Alexander Borland of New
Hope, old residents and well known, were
murdered this morning by C. F. Kloupfert,
senior member of the firm of Kloupfert
& Co., general store keepers and an-
nual keepers. The murdered men were
acting as peacemakers in a quarrel to
which Kloupfert was a party.

Five Children Drowned.
Nebraska City, Feb. 3.—Three sons of
G. P. Gibson, one son of Phoenix Gibson
and a daughter of J. Mellane, ranging
from 6 to 15 years of age, broke through
the ice while skating on a pond on the
lower side of the Missouri river and were
drowned. The parents are prominent
Iowa farmers.

Fire in Salt Lake.
Salt Lake, Utah, Feb. 3.—A fire last
night destroyed the Scott-Arbach build-
ing on Main street. The loss runs up a
quarter of a million dollars. There were
several narrow escapes. City Electrician
Yall fell from a third story building but
the net work of wires broke, his fall and
his life was saved.

Train Wreck and Death.
Desmet, S. D., Feb. 3.—A train on the
slide track at Arlington was run into
by an engine this morning and Conductor
Addington, brakeman Hoskie, John Lof-
tine, and a man named Harrison of Ar-
lington were killed. The bodies were
burned beyond recognition as the wreck
took fire.

Store and Proprietor Burned.
Clear Rapids, Iowa, Feb. 3.—The store
of Frank Novak in Walford, this county,
was burned while the proprietor slept in a
room above. The boy is supposed to be
in the ruins. It is suspected the fire is
the work of robbers who burned the build-
ing to cover up the crime.

PROBABLE STRIKE.
Disaffection Among the Employees of the
Butte, Anaconda & Pacific Railroad.

Anaconda, Mont., Feb. 3.—The em